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OFFERING A WAY OUT OF SEX TRADE

PROSTITUTES and persistent kerb crawlers are being targeted by police in a campaign that aims to put an end to Medway's illegal sex trade troubles.

Medway Police's Safe Exit initiative provides a range of support - such as housing, drug treatment and education - to women who sell their bodies on the streets.

It also aims to crack down on the men who scour the streets to pay these women for sex.

Early results have shown that Safe

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Exit is having an impact. Police chiefs said there were more than 110 street workers in Medway in August 2009, when the £180,000-a-year scheme was started.

This figure has plummeted to just 20 as of last month.

More than 80 per cent of women caught up in the illegal sex trade in Medway have signed up to Safe Exit.

One woman, who gave the alias of Sally, said she had benefitted from the scheme.

"Once Safe Exit began and I started

seeing results it gave me an incentive to carry on," she said.

"It's different to how it's been before, as there are actually people backing their promises up with funding this time and we're seeing results."

"I didn't think it would work for me at first, but now I have stability."

More than 50 kerb crawlers have also taken part in Safe Exit's 'change course' in the past seven months.

The £200 course is available to first-time offenders and spares the kerb crawler a court appearance.

Inspector Gary Woodward said: "Prostitution in Medway has been

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PODIUM FINISH FOR OUR MHAI

It was bronze for Britain on Sunday when top athlete Mhairi Spence took third place at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup.

The 24-year-old performed strongly throughout the four-day event, held at Gillingham's new Medway Park sports complex, winning the fencing discipline and putting in a strong display in the riding arena.

The Scot said she was delighted to secure a place on the podium as third place is her best World Cup finish.

She said: "It has been amazing. I was aiming for the top six. I just wanted to have a decent competition, so to come out on the podium is a bit more than I expected."

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Big guns hope to

ELECTION 2010

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

LABOUR and the Conservatives have signalled their desire to win the marginal Medway parliamentary seats by sending their political heavyweights to the towns.

The ruling Labour party played their ace card last week – the day the General Election was announced – with Prime Minister Gordon Brown visiting all three Medway constituencies during a whistle-stop tour of the area.

Mr Brown and his wife Sarah first spoke with shoppers and staff at Morrisons supermarket in Strood.

Labour party activist Noreen Chambers, 48, from Hoo St Werburgh, said: "I couldn't believe it when I heard the Prime Minister was coming to the store. I came here to shop but I saw all the cameras and managed to shake his hand.

"I said thank you for all you have done for the country. This is a feather in our cap. It was amazing."

The first person Mr Brown spoke to in the store was Mrs Chambers' grandson Elijah, aged ten. The youngster said: "He asked me if I was on holiday and I told him yes. He asked me what my favourite subject was and I told him it was science."

Mr Brown also spoke with workers at his next stop, Aylesford Print Works, in the constituency of Labour's Jonathan Shaw, who held the seat in 2005 by a margin of more than 2,300 votes.



CONFIDENT: Gordon Brown and his party leave Morrisons in Strood on the day he announced the election date. Right, Mr Brown spoke to shoppers and staff at the supermarket

From there Mr Brown was driven to the Rainham home of Labour party members Harry and Mary Keene, where he met local community leaders.

Speaking to Yourmedway, the Prime Minister said: "I said we would fight for every vote, and we are fighting for every vote. We will not be complacent.

"I believe we are on the road to recovery. We must not put that at risk. We are the best for the future. We are building for the future."

On the same day as Mr Brown's visit, the Tories' shadow cabinet office minister Francis Maude MP helped kick-start Rehman Chishti's parliamentary campaign in

Going all the way to the wire

GILLINGHAM AND RAINHAM

protect health spending and deliver real terms increases, and honour our commitments on international aid."

ANDREW STAMP (LIBERAL DEMOCRATS):

"I'm fed up with the endless succession of Labour and Conservative governments that never change anything."

"I was born and brought up here and I still live in Gillingham, so I understand the problems local people face – I want real change for our area."

TRISH MARCHANT (GREEN):

"I am standing for election because I strongly believe in both the Green Party's robust environmental strategies and the party's social and economic policies."

"We will make a difference in all sectors of society and lead to a sustainable, low carbon future."

GEORGE MEEGAN (INDEPENDENT):

"To bring good jobs to Gillingham, I advocate

cutting VAT and replacing with a carbon tax. This triggers re-engineering all manufacturing to zero emission. Gillingham's great history of innovation can lead."

ROBERT OAKLEY (UKIP): "I am not standing just because I want the job – none of the other parties represent the views of UKIP voters. I am not a politician, just an angry voter."

DEAN LACEY (ENGLISH DEMOCRATS): "We spend far too much money on services like translation services here in Medway, a service that creates communities where the English language is not spoken at all."

"There must be a limit where immigrants cannot rely on the service to live."

BRIAN RAVENSCROFT (BNP): "Mass immigration has changed the face of the constituency and has resulted in British people being put last."

"I will campaign to end this anti-British discrimination and put the rights of our people first."



AT RISK LIST: The candidates are, from left, Andy Stamp, Dean Lacey, Paul Clark, Robert Oakley, Rehman Chishti, and Trish Marchant

swing your vote



Gillingham High Street, where the pair spoke to shoppers.

Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne further boosted the Conservative's bid to swing the Medway marginals by stopping off in the towns on Monday.

He visited MEMS Power

Generation in Beechings Way, Gillingham, alongside parliamentary candidate Rehman Chishti before heading to Johnstones Tools in Rochester High Street with would-be MP Mark Reckless.

Mr Osborne said he was hopeful that voters would support the Tory

candidates on Thursday, May 6.

He said: "We've got three really strong candidates in the Medway seats and that is going to mean that this area has strong MPs in Parliament standing up for this area, making sure that it doesn't get neglected as it has been in the past."



NEW BOUNDARIES: The candidates are, from left: Geoff Juby; Mark Reckless; Robin Johnson; Ron Sands; Simon Marchant; and Teresa Murray

ROCHESTER AND STROOD

ROCHESTER and Strood replaces the former Medway constituency held by Bob Marshall-Andrews.

In the 2005 election, the seat was won by Mr Marshall-Andrews, who is standing down, by only 213 votes after initially conceding defeat on the night.

The adjusted boundaries now incorporate the wards of Cuxton and Halling, Peninsula, River, Rochester East, Rochester South and Horsted, Rochester West, Strood North, Strood Rural and Strood South.

The six candidates vying for election in 2010 are:

TERESA MURRAY (LABOUR): "Building up the public services and involving smaller businesses in innovation and service provision helps to keep the local economy going; that's why the Labour government has expanded jobs in public services – when people have money to spend they use smaller local businesses."

MARK RECKLESS (CONSERVATIVE): "I have stood for Parliament here twice



Change is inevitable as MP stands down

before and I believe that I have demonstrated the tenacity, principle and perseverance which I will need to represent this constituency.

"It is time for change and only the Conservatives can beat Labour here."

GEOFF JUBY (LIBERAL DEMOCRATS): "I will fight for fair taxes for everyone, with no tax to be paid on the first £10,000 per year; fair funding for Medway NHS; and fair deals for our troops on pay, and compensation when injured."

SIMON MARCHANT (GREEN): "I stand knowing I am doing all I can about climate change. I have also realised inequality is damaging our society; the poor need defending."

Local businesses are the future; we need them for jobs and goods but they need us too."

ROBIN JOHNSON (UKIP): "Give independence to head teachers over teaching, examinations and discipline.

"Scrap useless paperwork and trust teachers to do their jobs; oppose the closures of special schools.

"Encourage competitive sports, playing fields and school trips."

RON SANDS (ENGLISH DEMOCRATS): "I believe the time has come for an English party to represent English interests and equal devolution for England, with a Parliament for England with at least the same powers as the Scottish Parliament."



AFTER YOUR VOTE: The candidates are (top, left to right) Jonathan Shaw, Dave Arthur, Tracey Crouch, John McClintock, Steve Newton and Sean Varham

New battle lines drawn

CHATHAM & AYLESFORD

cal system. The society needs to be much fairer. And people's voices must be heard.

"It was for these reasons that I am standing as a Liberal Democrat.

"Our party is not dependent on either rich families or trade unions for our funds. We have the independence to act in the interests of the whole country."

DAVE ARTHUR (GREEN): "I believe that caring about my society, country and environment makes me an ideal candidate for the Green party."

STEVE NEWTON (UKIP): "UKIP's policy is a total freeze on immigration for five years, while we sort out what's been going on in this country."

SEAN VARHAM (ENGLISH DEMOCRATS): "Reform is needed within the structure and delivery of services, not cuts."

COLIN MCCARTHEY-STEWART (BNP): "I

have seen this country change since the 60s and 70s. It has been a change for the worse."

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Family members deny part in hit and run murder of Jack Treeby

CLOSE relatives of a father-of-five killed in a hit-and-run have pleaded not guilty for their part in his murder.

Bill Treeby, 49, appeared at Maidstone Crown Court last Friday, where he denied murdering his brother Jack Treeby.

The accused's wife Charity, 50, and their sons Bill (Jnr), 29, and George, 22, were alongside him in the dock. They also deny murder.

All four, of Queen Street, Paddock Wood, also denied attempting to murder Gary Treeby, Jack and Bill's brother, and Jack's young son – Jack (Jnr) – and conspiring to kill another brother, John Treeby.

The charges relate to events which took place on Sunday, December, 27, of last year, in Quarry Road, Tovil, in Maidstone.

■ BY ANNA WHITE

At 7pm, Jack Treeby, 43, from Rainham, was ploughed down by a Range Rover and crushed beneath its wheels. He died at the scene.

His son was allegedly clipped by the vehicle and treated for minor injuries.

Life-threatening

Gary Treeby suffered life-threatening injuries during the incident, which were exacerbated by gunshot wounds, but has now recovered.

A further count of conspiracy to murder John Treeby was also put to the four defendants.

They are all accused of plotting his death between December 1 and 31 of last year.

Judge Andrew Patience QC warned other family members, who sat in the public gallery

to listen to their relatives' pleas, to refrain from any outbursts during the hearing or he would be "forced to deal" with them "there and then".

Speaking shortly after her husband's death, Karen Treeby said: "We have been robbed of a wonderful, caring man who will live in our hearts forever."

His four relatives accused of his death have been remanded in custody until Monday, September 27, when they will face a four-week trial.

They all face the following charges: the murder of Jack Treeby; the attempted murder of Gary Treeby; causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Gary Treeby; attempted murder of Jack Treeby (Jnr); attempting to inflict grievous bodily harm on Jack Treeby (Jnr); and conspiracy to murder John Treeby between December 1 and 31.

Police hunt late-night car vandals

MORE than 50 cars were keyed, scratched and daubed with graffiti during a late-night crime spree, police have revealed.

The vehicles were targeted in Dale Street, Wyndham Road and Balfour Road, all Chatham, last Thursday. Walls and garages have also been damaged.

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Berry said: "This is a mindless act of vandalism that has caused widespread damage to an area of Chatham.

"We will be working hard to find out who was responsible for this and taking action. We have been speaking to all victims of this crime in the area and been carrying out door-to-door enquiries.

"Our Neighbourhood officers have been gathering information and we are urging anyone with information to come forward.

"Medway Council's graffiti team are also in the area to help clean some of the walls that have been affected."

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Lorraine Morgan at Medway Police Station on 01634 792435.

Picture: DIRK BEHLAU



SCARY GUY'S FULL OF LOVE

DESPITE having a face that would terrify young children, The Scary Guy's visit to Gillingham last week was to help spread his message of love. Born Earl Kenneth Kauffmann, the anti-bullying and violence campaigner legally changed his name in 1998 and uses his heavily-tattooed appearance to draw attention to his goal of world peace.

On Easter Monday it was Gillingham's turn to heed the words of the Scary Guy, who delivered his speech near the Naval memorial at The Lines, Gillingham.

The 20-stone American said his message taught young people to put prejudice and intolerance aside and show love and acceptance to each other.

Offering prostitutes a Safe Exit

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around for more than 100 years, and until 2009 there had been little change in the way into it was being dealt with.

"Safe Exit is more than just trying to remove the women from working the streets or move them to another area.

"What we're trying to do is change the behaviours of the women working, and also the behaviours of men who use prostitutes."

Phillip Cooper, from the Medway Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) said there was a range of support on offer for prostitutes.

"Once we've started initial drug treatment, we are able to offer a wide range of opportu-

nities to women," he said. "Safe Exit can help women get training, employment and education. This is not just a quick fix."

"We believe that by offering the support that these women have never had, we can have a huge positive impact on the illegal sex trade in Medway."

Inspector Woodward added: "Safe Exit is a unique way in which prostitution is being dealt with and we are now beginning to see real changes."

"Changes to the way men are acting, changes to the street sex workers and most importantly, changes to the public of Medway who can now feel safe and happy in their home environment."



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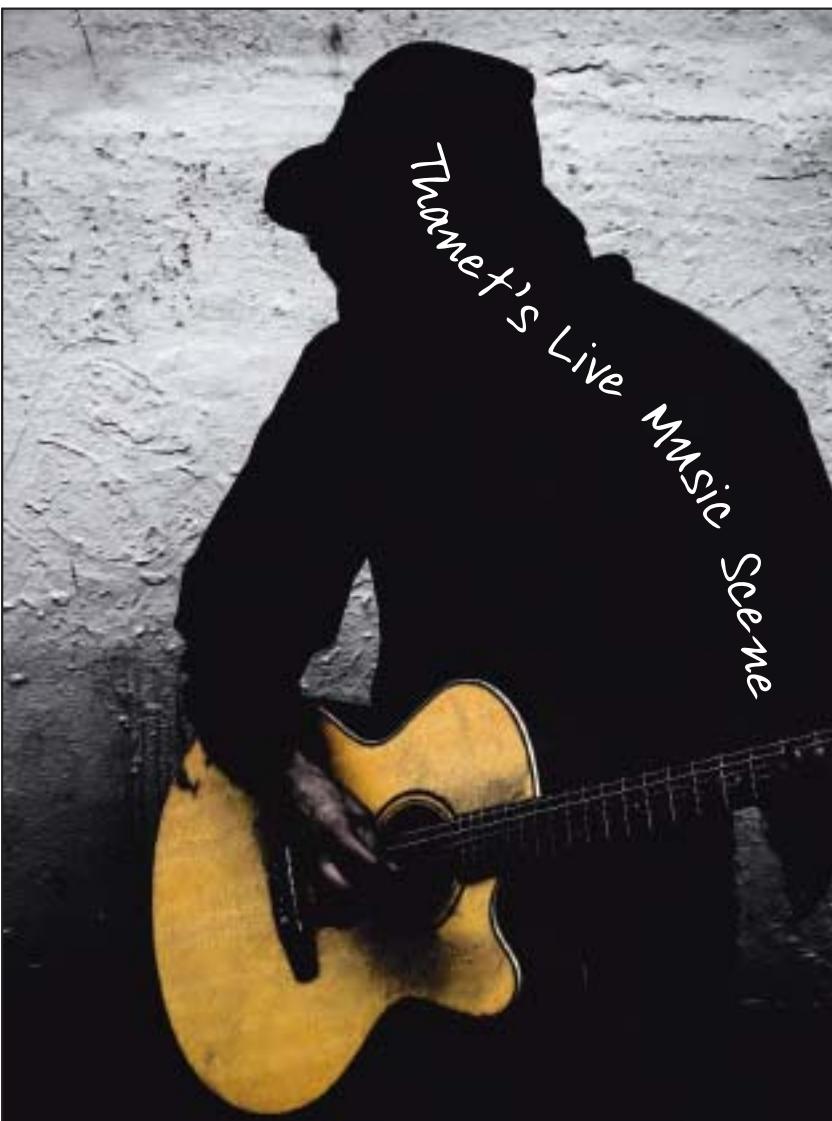
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Football bosses get tested for the 'silent killer'

FOOTBALL is good for your health – just so long as your side's winning.

This point was proved by Gills boss Mark Stimson, who agreed to have his blood pressure checked before and after last Monday's crucial home game against Southend.

Mark posted a healthy figure of 130/80 before kick-off, which fell to a relaxed 110/60 immediately after the Gills' comfortable 3-0 victory.

The manager said: "Us managers can get rather stressed on match day. It was a must-win game for us and I guess I was more relaxed after the final whistle."

The test was carried out by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust (SECAmb), ahead of its inaugural Know Your Blood Pressure Day on Saturday.

Throughout the day SECAmb clinicians will take people's blood pressure for free at a number of locations across Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

It is hoped the event will help identify those who are at risk of suffering from serious conditions, including strokes.

Mark added: "I was keen to be involved when

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

the ambulance service asked me to be and I'd encourage others to have their blood pressure measured to ensure they're not at risk."

Brighton boss Gus Poyet also had his blood pressure tested before and after the Seagulls' clash with Tranmere Rovers.

The former Chelsea and Tottenham star saw his rates rise from 130/70 to 150/90 despite his side's 3-0 win.

Monitored

Gus said: "It was interesting to see how my blood pressure rose when under stress and excitement.

"I think the results work as a good example to show the kind of things that can make people's blood pressure rise in everyday life and why it's important to have it checked regularly."

At SECAmb's Know Your Blood Pressure events members of the public will also have the opportunity to have their pulse monitored and if irregular have an ECG (electrocardio-



ALL CLEAR: Gills boss Mark Stimson gets checked over

gram) check. SECAmb will also be teaching the FAST test – a test to perform in an emergency when someone is suspected of having suffered a stroke.

SECAmb paramedic and stroke lead David Davis said: "It's extremely important that people, whatever their age, know their blood pressure and have it checked regularly."

"This can be carried out with a visit to a GP but Know Your Blood Pressure Day is an ideal opportunity for people to have their blood pressure checked for free at convenient locations in their area.

The Stroke Association's Laura Dart said: "It's estimated that 40 per cent of the 150,000 strokes suffered by people in the UK each year could be prevented by controlling high blood pressure."

"High blood pressure is often called the 'silent killer' as it does not always have any symptoms. Having this quick and simple test could save your life."

The nearest Know Your Blood Pressure Day event will be held at Tesco's, Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne.

Teenager is given three years for 'senseless' attack

A TEENAGE thug who stabbed a man in the back, thigh and buttock has been jailed for three years.

Jermaine Cole, 18, of Lambeth Close, Chatham, plunged a knife into his Rochester victim three times in May of last year.

The horror attack took place in a park near Laburnum Road, Strood, following an altercation between two groups of teenagers. The victim, also 18, was left with severe injuries.

Cole pleaded guilty to wounding with intent at Maidstone Crown Court.

He was jailed on Friday, March 26.

Detective Constable Julie McNeil said: "This was a senseless act of violence which could have had much more serious consequences.

"We are pleased with the sentence given and hope that it acts as a deterrent to others who are considering carrying knives.

"Cole carried a knife and was intent on using it in a violent manner. Had he not armed himself with a weapon then it is very likely that the altercation would not have reached such a dangerous level.

"Kent Police does not condone the use of violence at any level. Those who do carry knives to commit crime will be brought to justice."



VICTIOUS: Jermaine Cole



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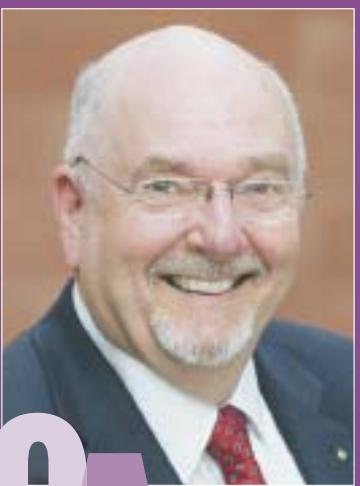
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Q Tell us a little bit about yourself.

A I achieved my dream by working for the BBC as a journalist for more than 20 years and have gone on to run my own business from Gillingham, where we have lived since I came to work at BBC Radio Kent. As a Devonian I love cider and clotted cream. Our three girls have left home and are pursuing their careers so it's great when they come home for family Sunday lunch.

I am a member of Rotary and get huge satisfaction from taking part in a range of hands-on projects to help people in my community as well as those overseas.

Q Tell us a bit about the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).

A It's Britain's leading business organisation, represents more than 200,000 self-employed and small business owners and is run by the members for the members. There are 6,581 Kent members.

Q What's the best bit about your job?

A As a professional communicator there is nothing more satisfying than to convince others that what you are saying is right. However, just telling the truth, as you see it, is not good enough; you have to look for ways to persuade others through real examples which your audience can appreciate.

Q And the most challenging?

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Q How do you qualify to join FSB?

A You have to be self-employed or run a small business of fewer than 250 people. In reality, 99 per cent of members employ 20 or fewer and 95 per cent employ up to 10 people.

Q Do you see things picking up after the recession?

A FSB Kent Business Barometer is run every six months, with the next due in two months' time.

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Q What advice would you give to someone thinking of starting a business?

A Do your research and talk to as many people in business as you can to collect their tips. But remember only to talk to people who have succeeded – why get advice from people who have a poor track record?

Q Anything you'd like to add?

A Always make time for yourself and the family. In the end, they are the first priority!

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Residents rewarded for putting neighbours first

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

COMMUNITY-minded residents who regularly go the extra mile for their neighbours were last night honoured for their efforts.

The celebratory evening saw the work and commitment of a number of previously unsung local heroes officially recognised by the Medway Community Safety Partnership.

Former store manager Alan Seed, from Hempstead, was one of those due to be honoured.

The 57-year-old came to the aid of his elderly neighbour Bert Bourquin, 88, who had been plagued by a series of nuisance calls from conmen demanding thousands of pounds in cash.

Mr Bourquin's telephone troubles began in December, when a man rang asking for money to be paid to him.

The homeowner said: "The guy on the line said he was calling on behalf of the company that had done some work on the house sometime ago but had since gone into liquidation.

"He told me they owed me £5,000 and had a cheque for £7,000 but as it was for the wrong amount I would need to send them the balance.

"He kept ringing asking to meet with me to discuss the money that was owed saying he was happy to come around to the house if I could get the cash out of the bank."

At this point Mr Bourquin told Mr Seed, who called their neighbourhood police officer, PC



UNSG HERO: Alan Seed (right) came to the aid of elderly neighbour Bert Bourquin (centre), who was being plagued by a nuisance phone caller who demanded money, by calling in neighbourhood police officer, PC Debbie Tyler (left) for advice

Debbie Tyler, for advice and checked up on him regularly.

Mr Bourquin said: "A couple of days later I was called again, with the man this time claiming to be a police officer from another county asking about the money I was owed.

"At that point I remembered my chat with Debbie and told the guy that he should link in with her at Kent Police.

"The phone went dead. I never heard from them again.

"It was such a great help having great neigh-

bours to whom I could turn for advice. As for the support from our neighbourhood police team, I really couldn't have asked for more."

Mr Seed was honoured at the Corn Exchange yesterday evening.

OTHERS RECOGNISED: Les Hitchcock who runs a thriving youth club in Halling; Denis Vines, a security guard at the Trafalgar Centre in Chatham; and Joan and Don MacFarlane from Gillingham, co-ordinators of the Darland Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the past 25 years.

Tool thief arrested after dog walker notes registration

A DOG walker has been hailed by police after helping to catch a young tool thief who made off with more than £1,000 of equipment.

The quick-thinking resident was walking by All Saints Church, Strood, on Tuesday, March 30, when he spotted a man hurriedly loading tools into a white escort van from a container.

Believing the man to be suspicious, he wrote down the vehicle's registration number and passed it onto the local vicar.

The following day the owner of the container reported his tools as stolen.

Traced

The vicar gave police the registration number and traced it to a 20-year-old Rochester man, who later confessed to the theft. He received a police caution.

Strood North neighbourhood officer PC Gavin Nicholls said: "Thanks to the quick thinking of the resident who wrote down the registration number of the vehicle we were able to quickly identify the offender and make an arrest.

"This is a great example of how the local community can help Kent Police in Medway solve crime.

"The owner of the tools has now been reunited with his belongings and is pleased with how the situation was dealt with.

"I would like to thank the residents for their continued support in Strood and we would always encourage people to report anything they may think is suspicious.

"Equally, people should ensure that any containers, buildings or vehicles are secured properly to prevent them becoming the target for opportunistic thieves."

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Civil rights group warn police over kept images

■ BY MARIKE COX

KENT Police could face a flood of High Court cases after being accused of breaking privacy laws by storing photographs of innocent motorists.

Campaigners from the civil rights group Liberty have vowed to support anyone who wants to take legal action against the force after a report by the National Policing Improvement Agency revealed that pictures taken using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology – which are stored for up to two years – sometimes catch passengers' faces.

The Liberty threat could spell particular trouble for Kent which has so far invested £5.3 million into the system and claims to be one of the leading constabularies in the UK for using ANPR.

The technology, launched nationally in 2006, is used to detect criminal activity, ranging from motorists with no insurance to stolen cars.

In Kent it records the movements of one million cars a day using 200 hidden cameras in undisclosed locations.

A Liberty spokeswoman said police originally said the system would be used only to identify unlicensed and uninsured drivers.

"Now we see it being used for a myriad of purposes without any public debate," she added.

Motorists without tax, MOT or insurance are most at risk of being stopped on the road due to the system being linked up to the national DVLA database, but vehicles used in criminal activity have also been detected.

As well as the fixed cameras, a team of dedicated mobile ANPR officers travel around the county stopping vehicles that have been flagged up.

But drivers' groups have also criticised the



BIG BROTHER: Liberty will support anyone who wants to take legal action against the force over use of images system, claiming everyone is being treated as a potential criminal.

Ian Taylor, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said although motorists understand the reasons behind ANPR, keeping details of innocent drivers for so long is unnecessary.

"We know it helps target criminals, we have no argument with that, but why does the system need to look at everyone and then keep their details, often of their faces, for such a long time?" he said.

"Police are treating everyone as a potential criminal, being tagged and tracked wherever they go."

Criticised

"In the past, officers stopped people who had done something wrong, but now everyone is treated as though they are criminals."

"We have concerns about this information and control. How long before we are controlled on when or where we travel?"

This is not the first time Kent Police has come under fire for its use of ANPR.

Last year it emerged that officers had used the technology to monitor protesters during the infamous Climate Camp rally at Kingsnorth in 2008, and that law-abiding citizens were later pulled over for no other



reason than that they had attended a demonstration.

Chief Insp Simon Black, head of ANPR at Kent Police, said it was unlikely images of innocent people would ever be viewed.

He said: "Cameras read the number plates on vehicles and do on occasions capture an image of the front seat passengers, but the primary objective of ANPR is to capture the make, model and colour of the vehicle to provide assistance in bringing offenders to justice."

"We retain the information – as required by the Data Information Commissioner in his ruling in January this year – for two years."

"The ANPR system reads about one million number plates a day, but if the vehicles are insured, taxed and have not been used in relation to a criminal offence then it is unlikely the images will ever be viewed."

"Therefore a person's privacy is not compromised."

Last week Kent Police was also criticised for handing out Speedwatch equipment to members of the public.

The force was accused of using 'Big Brother' techniques, allowing residents to monitor the speed of drivers in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay.



ROW: Union claims that children could criticise lessons

Pupils used 'secret mobiles' to grade teachers' lessons

A SCHOOL gave pupils mobile telephones so they could send criticism of their teachers to more senior members of staff, claims a concerned union member.

Speaking at the annual Association of Teachers and Lecturers conference, teacher John Rivers revealed that children as young as 11 had used the technology to give instant ratings on their teachers' abilities to senior staff, and even during lessons.

He said that about 20 youngsters at the unnamed secondary school in Kent were given the phones during what was called a "quality assurance" week.

Mr Rivers, who teaches information and communication technology (ICT) at a different school in the county, said he was contacted for advice by colleagues at the school in question.

He said: "I have no problem generally in asking pupils how they felt about my lesson. It's just I believe there should be clear guidance about how those observations should be conducted and reported."

Mr Rivers said the scheme was part of a drive spearheaded by the Government to make teaching staff more accountable for their style of running a classroom.

The conference was told of similar examples of schoolchildren apparently getting too much power when it comes to the content of lessons, behaviour policies and even the hiring and firing of staff. One example of excessive pupil power was when they interviewed a man and two women teachers for a job, and then picked the one they thought was the most attractive.

Plus a teacher seeking promotion was rejected for not singing the Michael Jackson hit Bad during an interview.

Speaking to reporters after the conference had finished, Mr Rivers said teachers at the Kent school were concerned they had not been forewarned or consulted on the scheme.

He said: "I understand it just happened. Staff were not aware of how it worked and there was a lack of transparency. I suppose staff must feel it's a bit threatening if it's not transparent."

A spokesman for the Department for Children, Schools and Families said it believed pupils should play an active role in their own learning and in the development of their schools. However, both KCC and Medway Council said it was unaware of mobile phones being used in any of its schools to critique teaching staff.

Homework giving parents' headache

PARENTS asked to help with school homework are feeling the pressure as they struggle to support their child's learning, a new report has revealed.

Almost 80 per cent in the South East admitted to not understanding the curriculum, with 50 per cent of youngsters confessing to feeling confused when their parents try to help.

The report 'I'm stuck – can you help me?' – commissioned by the Government agency Becta aims to provide parents in Kent with information to show them how to support their children.

Schools are also being encouraged to set up websites and learning platforms to equip confused parents with the resources they need to help with homework.

Neil McLean, executive director of Becta, said using technology in this way is extremely beneficial to a child's learning.

"Schools benefit from parents' involvement and if children feel they are getting the right support from the schools and families, this has a positive effect on their grades," he said.

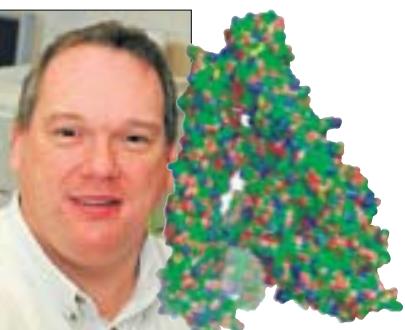
The report revealed 81 per cent of parents in the region are asked for help with homework by their children at least once a week. And one in ten parents confessed they felt unable to support their child, which was having a profound emotional effect.

Becta is pushing for schools to get involved in its Next Generation Learning programme, which urges education officials to use technology to link parents with their child's curriculum.

There are already a number of schools in Kent leading the way using ICT to improve links between work at school and at home.

For more information go to www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk

Kent university scientist involved in vital breakthrough with battle against cancer



CURE: Dr Howard identified the peptides' shape (above)

Protein Science Research Group, added that the technology has potential within tumour imaging and therapy for efficient identification and eradication of cancers.

The senior lecturer joined the School of Biosciences in 2001 and his research interests include the structural and dynamic characterisation of bio-chemically relevant molecules, enhanced structural stability in proteins and peptides, as well as advancing nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Collateral damage when treating cancer cells has long been a major problem.

But Dr Phil L'Huillier, director of business management at CRT, said: "These peptides have the potential to seek out and destroy cancer cells, leaving the surrounding areas unharmed."

"We believe this technology could have particular strengths in delivering treatments for cancers that have limited treatment options, such as pancreatic and head and neck cancer."

"Crucially this targeted treatment could also reduce the side effects that are commonly associated with standard therapies."

"We look forward to the results of this programme with great interest."

SLOWLY but surely scientists are edging towards a cure for cancer – and now a Kent medical research team has revealed a new breakthrough in the long battle.

Dr Mark Howard's research at the University of Kent's School of Biosciences has led to the development of a new technique that will deliver cancer treatments direct to certain tumours, and he has now patented the discovery.

It is primarily aimed at targeting pancreatic cancer – which is currently very difficult to treat – and involves cancer-targeting peptides binding to a complex protein found in high levels on many tumour cells, but absent in most normal tissues.

By seeking out this protein and binding to it the peptides can deliver cancer treatments directly to the site with increased precision and reduced side effects.

And the treatment is so effective it is not going to be years before it's used.

In fact, the American company Aura Biosciences Inc has already licensed the technique from Cancer Research Technology.

Dr Howard's role in this development involved identifying the shape of the peptides.



Students achieve hair-raising styles

FASHION-conscious students hit the catwalk at a hair stylists' event at MidKent College.

More than 50 level three hair design students exhibited their handiwork on more than 100 models, following four themes laid out in the International Trend Vision set by hair product giant Wella.

Lecturer in hair design at the college's Medway Campus, Teresa Daly, said: "Students were asked to consider themes of Intersexion, Virtual Life, Utopia and De-lush, each of which is distinct in terms of style, texture and colour.

"Most students worked with two models to produce a hair-up style and a cut-and-colour for display. They coped very well with the pressure and produced some highly creative designs.

"The standard of work produced for this year's event has been stunning."

Student stylist Amy Allen, 19, of Walderslade, was proud of the work she had produced.

The part-time stylist at Shumi salon in West Malling, who is pictured above with her models, said: "Preparing for the show was stressful, but I'm really proud of the looks I've achieved."

The event raised money for Help for Heroes and Cancer Research UK.

Taskforce aims to give kids help they need to stay safe

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

TWO Medway junior school pupils travelled to London for the launch of a nationwide safety scheme.

Dylan Britcher and Phoebe Ford from Twydall Junior School visited the Department for Children, Schools and Families last month.

At the event, the Minister of State for Schools and Learners Vernon Coaker announced the appointment of the Kids Taskforce to lead the safety campaign, with a budget of £750,000.

The scheme creates personal safety programmes for each pupil, teaching them how to minimise risks and lead safer lives.

It aims to reach every child in England with important safety messages using a website and personal workbooks.

Twydall Junior School is the first in Medway to adopt the missdorothy.com programme, which it launched in January at a special assembly attended by police, firefighters and Gillingham FC captain Barry Fuller.

The funding that has been made available will ensure that all Medway primary schools have free access to the programme.

Dylan, nine, and ten-year-old Phoebe represented Twydall Junior school at the ceremony and thanked minister Vernon Coaker.

Dylan said: "Missdorothy.com lessons are great fun and help us to learn how to stay safe and ask for help, like if we're being bullied and don't know what to do."

Phoebe added: "It's really good if you're in a tricky situation and need help."



SAFETY MESSAGE: Dylan Britcher, 9, and Phoebe Ford, 10, of Twydall Junior School, with Kids Taskforce founders Sharon Doughty and Neil Evans, Wizard the dog, minister Vernon Coaker and, far left, Jimmy Mizen's brother George

This is the first time the Government has supported a national primary school safety scheme, following the support it has given to the secondary school initiative Watch Over Me, which was launched in 2009.

The Kids Taskforce safety campaign was created in 2007 backed by the then police minister in the Home Office, Vernon Coaker.

At the time, Mr Coaker said: "Educating children from an earlier age about the importance of staying safe will mean we give them the advice and information they need to form their own opinions on the issue, rather than being swayed by peer pressure.

"This approach enables us to help steer

young people on a path to success and to prevent them falling into a downward spiral of anti-social behaviour, crime and violence.

"The missdorothy.com materials will help teachers start open discussions about safety in primary schools, and will help them give children the advice and support they need in this sensitive area.

"The additional investment from Government will mean 167,000 more children will benefit from this invaluable resource."

Also at the launch were the family of 16-year-old Jimmy Mizen, who was murdered in an attack in a bakery in London. They are all supporting the campaign.

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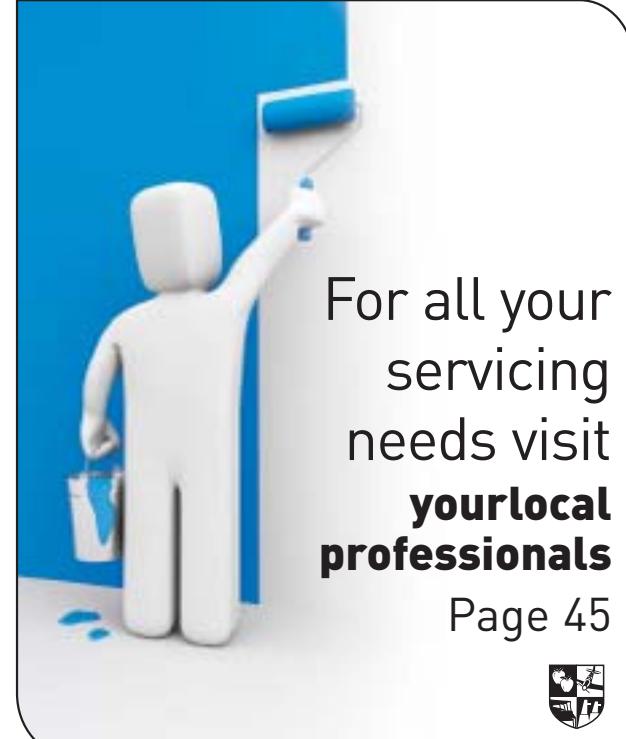
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I'm speechless after parking awards jolly

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Well, spare a thought for Medway Council as it has been left dumb-founded after winning an award for Best On-Street Parking Team 2010.

In what can only be described as the world's worst awards concept ever, the giant venue housed council members from all over the country.

I wonder who was actually working while this lot were on their paid-for jolly? Anyway, Medway Council accidentally won the first place prize by completing the wrong information for the judges.

Medway must have accidentally told judges that residents here were happy and contented, and were very happy with the complaints procedure.

The Creative Parking Solution On-Street Team of the Year award is open to all local authorities and private operators managing on-street parking operations.

Eligible teams include those involved in kerbside parking management, residential and business permit schemes, CCTV enforcement, school parking etc.

The judges are looking for demonstrable success in delivering any or all of the following criteria: outstanding customer service, consistent application of good practice and examples of doing the extra things that makes for outstanding performance.

So tell us, who exactly did the judges ask? How many residents of Medway agreed that staff and CCTV operators have always been very helpful?

How many residents confirmed they were more than happy with the service they had received just after being hit with a fine?

Dean Lacey,
comment posted on
www.yourmedway.co.uk

Every child matters, but not very much

St John's Infant School was started 146 years ago for a good reason. The current pupils under threat from closure will have no alternative places to go and it is the only Church of England school in the area.

The school is not a failing school, it has high standards and my understanding is pupils of all ethnic backgrounds are achieving



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In France 250 years ago philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote: "The English people believes itself to be free; it is gravely mistaken; it is free only during election of members of parliament; as soon as the members are elected, the people is enslaved."

Okay, JJ could go a little over the top and, yes, it might have lost something in translation, but perhaps he has a point. Love 'em or loathe 'em, New Labour, who swept to victory in 1997, has changed this country.

On the plus side, we have shorter waiting times for operations; full-time workers are guaranteed 24 days' paid holiday; Scots and Welsh have their own assemblies; there are 85,000 more nurses and 32,000 more doctors (and who knows how many more in pen-pushing admin staff). You get the idea, the former Blair wannabe MPs have done some good things.

On the flip side, Mr B Liar did take us into a war for reasons we probably weren't too clear about. And there has been an explosion in made-up jobs in the public sector, like nappy advisers for new mums (£25,000 a year, see *Guardian* jobs), five-a-day co-ordinators (same salary, same jobs section) to tell us what

to eat to stay healthy. We're in a bit of debt too, and while the financial collapse was worldwide, we in Britain are worse off because Labour gave bankers far too much freedom and we will be paying for that cock-up for 40 years.

Immigration is a massive issue for this once-tolerant nation. In Labour's diversity-aware Britain we have an organisation for every group, be it ethnic, transgendered, gay, single parent etc.

However, while there is a black chief police officers' association the same thing couldn't exist for Caucasian cops. But as the flood of refugees, n'er-do-wells, criminals and economic migrants have invaded Britain over the past decade, few dare discuss it for fear of being branded a BNP supporter or racist.

That surely is the legacy of Blair's Britain. We are watched by more CCTV cameras than any other nation, and the vital need for a voice to be given to all minorities has resulted in the majority thinking it's best to stay quiet.

If you own a guest house and suggest you are not happy letting a gay couple stay there, you'll get a visit from your not-so-friendly neighbourhood cop.

A pet shop owner who sold a goldfish to a boy aged 14, ends up tagged, fined and with a criminal record. That's Britain under Labour.

Jean-Jacques probably had it right. So enjoy the next three weeks, it's our big chance to get the government we deserve. But will we take it?

Group editor Gary Wright

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above average results, including the SEN intake.

St John's is an important feeder school for Balfour Junior and has links with other well managed nursery schools nearby.

The excuses for closing St John's include that it does not have a nursery available on site and that it is supposedly not viable.

However, it is not a requirement in any current government guidelines that there has to be a nursery.

It raises the question – of a school that has certainly been paid for over the last 146 years by taxpayers – how is it not viable?

Too many employees at the council, perhaps? Further plundering and quick sale of another public asset?

The repercussions for closure are many and Balfour Junior will lose a fourth form from the St John's feed. This immediately impacts current families looking to maintain consistency and togetherness of their children attending these schools.

This in the short term would divide families in the schools they are able to attend.

This is contrary to the 'every child matters' policy which has been cast aside in the proposed splitting up of students from family, friends and their known safe environment provided at St John's.

Parents and children are expected to absorb the changeover expenses such as uniforms, which in light of the sluggish economic climate is poorly timed and with no offer of assistance. The council has typically

not consulted properly with any interested party prior to the proposal being thrust in place. It is not only good manners to do so, it is a given right expected by any Englishman. The council has not acted in the caring or professional manner expected when dealing with these children's future and indeed the fate of a historic school, that once closed is terminated for ever.

Certainly change is always a necessary part of life. However the reasons to keep St John's open versus the soft, dubious excuses to close it speak for themselves.

Only by the just and sheer determination of the 'say no to closing St John's Infant School' Facebook parents group headed by Sam Whittington and the good Lord's common sense St John's may be saved from the red tape and the faceless suits that lurk in the council.

Jason Cox, North Nowra, NSW, Australia

I spy trouble unless rules are made clear

I was very interested in reports about the CCTV spy-car, as I live in Holmside, Gillingham, and it has been in our road over the last few weeks taking pictures of residents and non-residents parking near the island at the top end of Holmside, near Watling Street.

I have received two penalty



charge notices (PCNs) so far and so have most of my neighbours, which we are not going to pay.

We have lived in this road for more than ten years and never had these PCNs issued before.

Apparently you are 'double parking' if you park on or near the island in Holmside.

This island and the surrounding area is always being used by residents to park due to the fact that there is insufficient space – night or day.

This is due to the shops, doctors, other people using Holmside to park because their roads are also too busy (Malvern Road, for example) and people who work in businesses on Watling Street.

There are no signs that state parking is not allowed in this area and there are no double yellow lines. This area has always been used as extra parking space and only yesterday a police vehicle parked there, too. I have photographic evidence of this.

I have received confirmation they will not cancel the two PCN

charges issued to me, so have decided to start a petition in Holmside which I will return for further confirmation that we will not be paying the PCNs issued.

Every one of my neighbours I have spoken to confirmed they will not pay.

They need to put signs up stating the exact parking restrictions and cancel all PCNs issued to date and start afresh knowing that all residents and non-residents know exactly where they can or cannot park.

Denise Powell
Comment posted on
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• As a resident and frequent driver in Medway, I am surprised by the ignorance of the majority of law-abiding citizens.

The majority of drivers are fed up with the obnoxious minority who believe it is their God-given right to drive how they like, after drinking as much as they like, and park where they like, with no regard for anyone else's safety or use of the roads.

We welcome more enforcement, and although we wish it was the police who could take a mature decision, a CCTV van is the next best thing.

If they are sat outside a house it's probably because they have evidence that someone is consistently breaking the law, as they won't waste their time when they could be catching other offenders.

Having been hit by an uninsured, disqualified, drunk driver (luckily it was my car, not a child) I welcome more enforcement, and can't wait for it to be proved a success and rolled out across Kent.

Remember: all the people caught have broken the law that is there for the benefit and safety of us all.

Geoff, comment on www.yourmedway.co.uk

Avoid DIY dangers

As the change of seasons inspires many to turn to that ever-growing list of DIY jobs, the message from Kent Fire and Rescue is: Do It Safely.

DIY can increase the risk of fire and injury in the home. From fires ignited by blow-torches to fires caused by faulty appliances and equipment which may have been stored in a damp garage or shed.

Always check the task is within your capabilities and take expert advice, which, along with safety leaflets, can be obtained from many DIY stores. For many, DIY is a pleasant pastime, but often people make mistakes when they rush jobs or are tired. By following a few simple rules, accidents, fires and tragedies can be avoided.

While you carry out DIY, it is a good time to fit smoke alarms in your home, to provide early warning should a fire break out. If you already have smoke alarms, make sure you do not paint over them, take time to check they are clear of dust and that the batteries are working. Remember batteries should be changed yearly too, unless they are ten-year alarms.

Stuart Skilton,
head of community fire safety, KFRS

School standards 'will be hit' by cuts

A CHILDREN'S services union has warned of a potential drop in achievement in Kent schools if "deep funding cuts" are not properly considered.

It follows an announcement in February by Kent County Council that some 260 jobs could be slashed from its department for children, families and education in a bid to save £8million.

At the time Cllr Sarah Hohler – cabinet member for the department – insisted frontline services would not be affected, but professional schools improvement staff now believe performance levels will be hit.

Children's services union Aspect, said the restructuring would mean cuts in services that offer professional support to schools.

Restructuring within the department would see seven per cent of jobs lost. In secondary schools improvement teams, however, there could be a 50 per cent reduction in staffing, with no current indication of redeployment in other areas, according to Aspect.

Union officials and school workers argued the plans were developed with little or no consultation with key stakeholders.

But Rosalind Turner, managing director for children, families and education at KCC, said: "We are not yet half way through the consultation and we are interested in any additional proposals to deliver the required efficiencies."

She added that despite the possible changes, a high degree of support for schools would be maintained.

"Our strategy is to reduce management and administration as much as possible, and to protect direct services to children, young people and families," she said.

Drugs, weapons and cigs all stopped at the border

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

BORDER control officers based across Kent helped seize more than £237 million worth of illegal drugs in just one year.

They also helped prevent 27,000 dangerous weapons from reaching the streets as well as 557 million smuggled cigarettes representing a loss in tax revenue of £109 million.

Launched on April 1, 2009, the UK Border Agency was formed when customs and immigration officers joined forces as one single organisation. It is based in Dover and is also represented at the French ports of Calais, Coquelles, Dunkirk and Boulogne.

Regional director Tony Smith said: "The public expects us to keep the UK border safe and secure at all times because drugs, illegal immigration and contraband damage communities and businesses. That's why we have a strong new force at the border with combined customs and immigration powers, which works 24 hours a day to stop illegal immigrants and smugglers."

During the past year more than a million freight vehicles have been searched at British border controls in northern France and Belgium, with 29,000 illegal attempts to cross the Channel thwarted.

Notable successes include the seizure of £3.7m of drugs from just one lorry – which was



STOPPED: Tobacco and an avocado stuffed with cocaine were seized by UK Border Agency officials at Dover

were caught working at a farm in north Kent, and a £30,000 fine for the Hands On Car Wash firm in Ashford, Tenterden and Folkestone that was found to be employing illegal immigrants.

Large companies have also been caught out as well, such as the Whitstable branch of Domino's Pizza that was fined £10,000 for giving work to an illegal Indian and Kosovan.

Mr Smith added: "We are dedicated to stopping drugs getting onto our streets, removing illegal migrants and locking up or deporting the most serious criminals."

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TWO great jazz musicians will be performing at the RAFA Club in Chatham on Friday.

Tickets to see award-winning saxophonists Ray Gelato and Derek Nash and their quintet cost £10. The music starts at 8.30pm. For details call 01634 365352/362704 or 07544 312743 or visit www.coljazz.webs.com.

Rock 'n' roll with Ricky

STEP back in time and dance the night away with rock 'n' roll singer, Ricky Fontayne.

The 50s and 60s tribute act is at the UK Paper Leisure Club in Sittingbourne on Friday. For more information about the venue call 01795 426451.

Find out more about Fontayne by visiting www.rickyfontayne.com.

Talk on family history

HISTORIAN Dr Nick Barratt will explore how the media has helped to track down our ancestors on Tuesday.

The man behind BBC's Who Do You Think You Are will talk about the show and family history research in the digital age at Chatham Library at 7.30pm.

Admission costs £5/£4. To reserve call 01634 332714.

Mixed Nuts on stage

ENJOY a taste of Mixed Nuts when Alternate Shadows Theatre Group presents a comedy sketch show.

The home-grown performance of comic skits and characters can be seen at Chatham's Brook Theatre at 7.45pm tonight. Admission costs £6. To book tickets call 01634 338338 or visit www.whatsonmedway.co.uk.

Kids can fight pirates

CHILDREN can help battle the Sith Pirates in interactive theatre show, Robinson Crusoe: the Lost Jedi Knight.

Youngsters can get involved in the production from Spotlights Theatre Company at Kings Theatre in Chatham at 2pm on Thursday and Sunday. Tickets cost £5.50/£4.50 or £18 for families.

To book call 01634 829468.

Encounter spirit world

MEDIUM Shaun Dennis demonstrates his powers in Maidstone on Thursday.

The psychic is renowned for his accurate statements and aims to raise awareness of the spirit world. He can be seen at the Hazlitt Theatre at 8pm.

Tickets cost £15/£13. Book online at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk or call the box office on 01622 758611.

Soul funk - and pizza

LIVE soul jazz music is on offer at Pizza Express in Maidstone with Leee John.

The original lead singer of soul funk group Imagination will be performing with his quartet on Friday, playing songs from his acclaimed album *Feel My Soul*.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15. Bookings can be made online at www.pizzaexpresslive.co.uk.

Magic night with a comedy legend

JUS' LIKE THAT

Wednesday, April 28

Central Theatre, Chatham.

SPEND an evening remembering a comedy legend with a fond tribute to Tommy Cooper.

Jus' Like That! – A Night Out With Tommy Cooper gives both established fans and younger audiences the chance to hear his best gags performed live once again, as Clive Mantle stars in this hilarious and fascinating show.

Even though Cooper died on stage 26 years ago, he is still widely regarded as one of the UK's most popular comedians of all time and continues to command great affection and respect.

A huge fan of Cooper, Mantle is delighted to be donning the famous fez and delivering the comedian's timeless one-liners.

He trained with magician Geoffrey Durham, also known as the Great Sorprendo, to master Cooper's deceptively clever tricks and perfect the shambolic act that endeared Cooper to so many people.

Written by John Fisher, who worked with Cooper for many years, the show not only celebrates his remarkable talent but also explores the darker side of Cooper's life. But the show is designed to celebrate the memory of a very human but very gifted performer, and fans of all ages will enjoy the uproariously funny production.

While serving during World War II, Cooper performed in a NAAFI entertainment party and hit on the idea of performing magic tricks with accompanying jokes. Although he went on to perfect a magic act that went wrong for comic effect, he was actually a very competent magician and a member of the Magic Circle.

He entered show business in the mid-1940s and took his act around variety theatres, including London's famous Windmill Theatre. Cooper had already noted that his failed tricks were even more popular with audiences than his successful ones, but he would continue to occasionally pull off a spectacular trick to surprise his fans.

After making his television debut in a BBC talent show in 1948, Cooper landed his own series and became one of the country's best-loved comedians.

However, his heavy drinking and smoking habits took a toll on his health and contributed to a decline in his television work.

Cooper's drinking also affected his personal life, leading to accusations of wife-beating and infidelity, and this show does shine a light into the darker corners of Cooper's life.

But the production also celebrates the remarkable talent and warmth of this iconic performer, who suffered a heart attack in front of a live television audience in 1984.

At first his collapse was assumed to be part of the act, but he had become seriously ill and died that evening.

Clive Mantle will be familiar to viewers from



his roles in Casualty, Holby City and The Vicar of Dibley. As a lifelong fan of Cooper, he will be fulfilling a cherished dream by stepping into the comic's shoes and bringing this unforgettable performer back to the stage.

During the rehearsal process, Mantle had the chance to try on Cooper's favourite fez, which was a truly magical moment for the actor.

Whether you are a long-term fan of the comedian or discovering Cooper's talent for

the first time, this hilarious and enlightening show should not be missed. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£16.50. To book, call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit the website at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk.

Jus' Like That! – A Night Out With Tommy Cooper can also be seen at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells at 8.30pm on Monday. Tickets cost £18.50/£15.50. Book online at www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01892 530613/532072.



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THE CORPSE IN THE CRYPT

Friday, April 16, Rochester Cathedral

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In the new murder mystery from Pyramid Puzzles, the dreadful death interrupts the calm atmosphere at the Benedictine Priory of St Andrew.

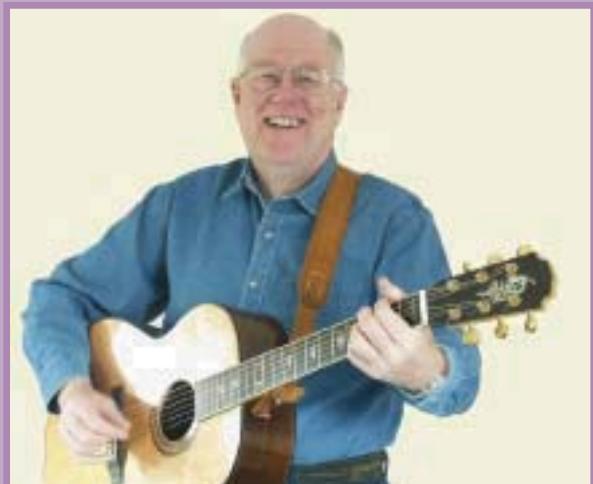
Set in the medieval period, this gripping story is played out in the beautiful setting of Rochester Cathedral by Alternate Shadows Theatre Group.

During Vespers, Brother Alwyn is reading from the Book of Hours to his fellow monks

When Barnabus, Sheriff of Rochester, asks his friend Brother Alwyn for help, they set out on an exciting search for the cold-blooded murderer.

The fund-raising performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £6, including free interval drinks. To book call 01634 810074.

For details email development@rochestercathedral.org.



HARVEY ANDREWS

Thursday, April 22, Brook Theatre, Chatham

ENTER the highly entertaining world of Harvey Andrews, a master of musical storytelling.

Artists such as Mary Hopkin and Christy Moore have covered his songs, while folk stars like Martin Carthy, Ralph McTell, Richard Thompson, Danny Thompson and Dave Pegg have played on his own recordings.

He has performed as far afield as Canada, the United States, Newfoundland and Ascension Island, winning International Artiste of the Year in the Canadian Porcupine Awards for Folk Music.

Andrews has appeared on

more than 50 television shows, including the Old Grey Whistle Test and Rhythm on Two, and has made his own TV contribution by writing and singing the theme songs for Golden Pennies and The Haunted School. He also sang the theme tune for the British film, Psychomania.

Andrews' lyrics were used in coursework for the national GCSE English language exam.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 or £9 for mailing list members.

Book online at www.whatson-medway.co.uk or call the box office on 01634 338338.

Andrews has appeared on

THE COMEDY CLUB

Friday, April 16, Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham



THREE top comedians will be aiming to hit the target with their hilarious gags at The Comedy Club.

Gillingham Football Club hosts an evening of laughter at this opening show, with another due on August 13.

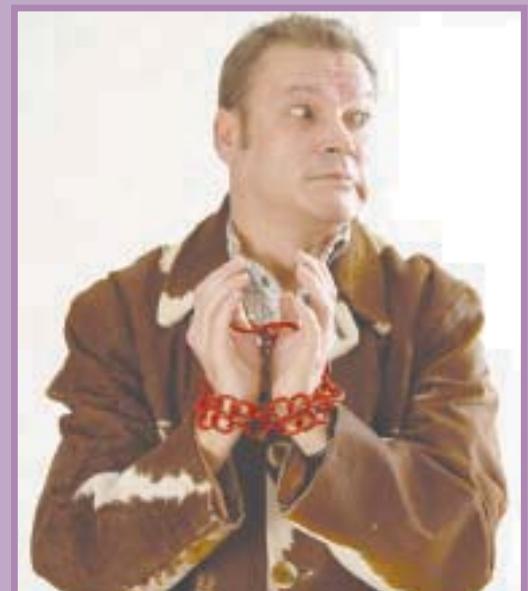
Audience members will have the chance to submit their own gags to the joke competition during the interval and could win big prizes.

Irish life coach Padraig Hyland reveals his unique take on life and acts as MC for the evening, welcoming fans and making sure the show goes smoothly. Renowned for his warmth, Hyland will be offering a few life lessons in his own amusing style.

Award-winning funnyman Gerry K aims to score a few comedy goals with his fresh, observational comedy, presented with energy and charisma.

Headline act Nick Wilty is known as the 'Globetrotting Comedian', due to the fact that he has performed on every continent except Antarctica. His accolades include Best International Act, awarded in San Francisco.

The over-18s show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15 for the comedy only, or £22 to include a basket meal. To book call 01634 300000 or visit www.haha-heehee.com.



HORRIBLE SCIENCE

Tuesday, April 20 to Saturday, April 24, Orchard Theatre, Dartford



BRACE yourself for a truly disgusting experience with the fun and educational Horrible Science.

By picking out all the most gruesome and stomach-churning aspects of the subject, Birmingham Stage Company takes the audience on a fascinating and grisly journey through the world of science.

Suitable for children aged six above, this show will captivate all the family as it asks such important questions as why do we produce 50,000 litres of spit in our lifetimes? Can you kill deadly diseases using just orange juice?

Guiding the audience through the Bathroom of Doom and Toothbrush of Terror is Billy Miller, a cheeky 10-year-old who ends up doing battle with the many dangers of Horrible Science World.

Join him as he discovers the fatal forces of gravity and magnetism and learns more about how microbes cause nasty diseases.

The show covers much of the Key Stage 2 science curriculum in a fun and exciting way that will enthral both science lovers and newcomers to the subject.

Tickets cost £14/£11 or £44 for families of four. To book call 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



KENT YOUTH CHOIRS

Saturday, April 17, St Matthew's Church, Wigmore



ENJOY the sound of sweet music from talented young singers when Kent Youth Choirs perform this weekend.

Some of the county's most promising young performers will demonstrate their uplifting talent at their annual concert on Saturday.

Kent County Junior Choir features children aged from 11 to 14, while the Kent County Junior Singers is made up of youngsters aged from eight to 13.

With their colourful T-shirts and enthusiastic love of performance, the Kent County Junior Singers are often

dubbed 'the Smarties' and are guaranteed to put a smile on the faces of any audience. They have travelled to Holland and Germany, along with performances in the Gillingham, Rochester and Medway festivals and an appearance at the Schools' Prom, held at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Kent County Junior Choir has also taken its talent abroad, performing in France and Belgium. They also made an appearance at the National Festival for Youth at the Royal Festival Hall.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £6/£4 on the door. To find out more about the choirs call Kent Music on 01622 691212 or visit www.kent-music.com.

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Hi there, I'm female, 34, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I like cinema, eating, out etc and WLTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 446612 **T**

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Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037 **T**

GET CLOSE

Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5ft6, curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 461758 **T**

HOW YOU DOING?

Attractive, curly single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128 **T**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking blonde, 49, loving, caring, enjoys music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for a good-looking guy, 55-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **T**

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE

Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460999 **T**

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **T**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft1, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 447975 **T**

QUALITY TIME

55 year old lady, 56, 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Maidstone. Box 866380 **T**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 484381 **T**

MUSIC TO MY EARS

Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5ft3, slim build, likes music, live music, dancing, seeking a male for friendship and relationship... Chatham. Box 848292 **T**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 484381 **T**

DOES MY TAKERS?

Divorced single mom, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe for a long-term relationship. Rochester. Box 464099 **T**

GET ON OVER

Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham Box 854480 **T**

WHY WAIT?

Single curly mum of three, 46, dark hair and blue eyes, GSOH, loves animals, socialising, seeking a similar and romantic man. Tunbridge Wells. Box 467397 **T**

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 449524 **T**

POSSIBLE LTR

African lady, fully figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoys jazz, travel, theatre. WLTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617 **T**

NOTHING VENTURED...

Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a like-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 893562 **T**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly, caring, intelligent man, 45-55, with gsoh for friendship. Box 462626 **T**

GENIE IN A BOTTLE

Slim blue-eyed blonde. 47, 5ft4, animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easy-going companion and soulmate. Box 468120 **T**

LOVELY BUBBLY

Short curly hair, 50, slim, 5ft, 5ft5, 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, loves music, bowls, cinema, seeking a decent guy, 45-55, for good times. Box 467112 **T**

OUTGOING LADY

Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema pub, WLTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Box 464127 **T**

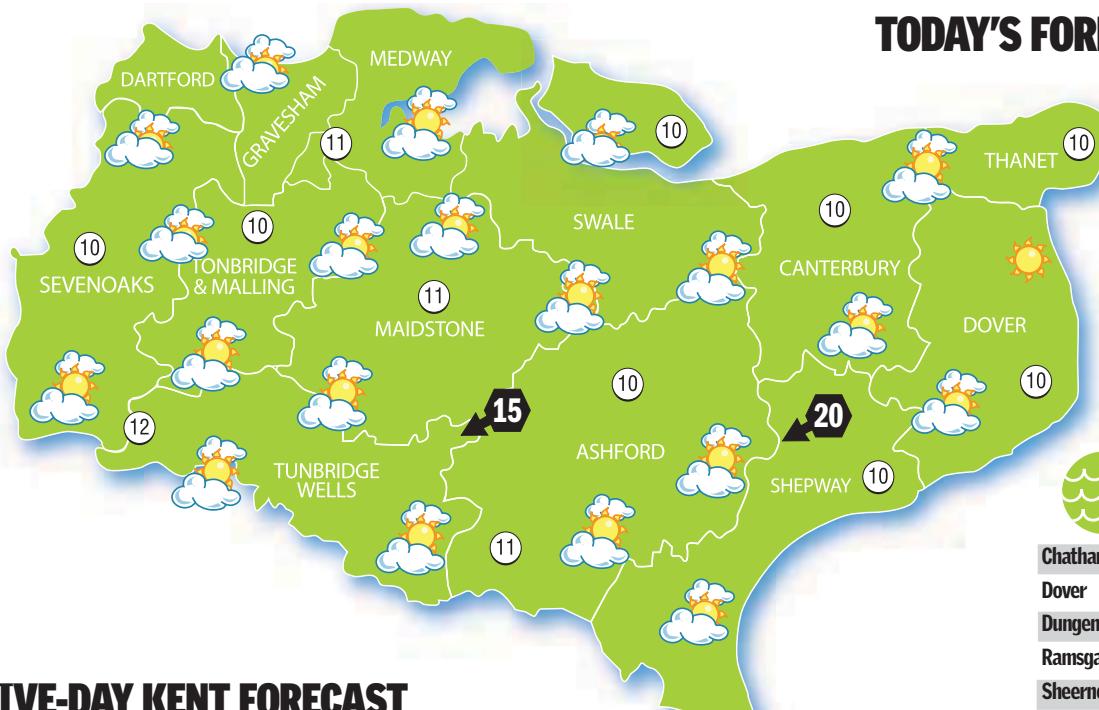
WHAT'S LIFE WITHOUT LOVE?

Very bubbly and outgoing, bright, positive Gillingham lady, 61, 5ft1, slim, 5ft, 5ft2, 5ft3, 5ft4, 5ft5, 5ft6, 5ft7, 5ft8, 5ft9, 5ft10, 5ft11, 5ft12, 5ft13, 5ft14, 5ft15, 5ft16, 5ft17, 5ft18, 5ft19, 5ft20, 5ft21, 5ft22, 5ft23, 5ft24, 5ft25, 5ft26, 5ft27, 5ft28, 5ft29, 5ft30, 5ft31, 5ft32, 5ft33, 5ft34, 5ft35, 5ft36, 5ft37, 5ft38, 5ft39, 5ft40, 5ft41, 5ft42, 5ft43, 5ft44, 5ft45, 5ft46, 5ft47, 5ft48, 5ft49, 5ft50, 5ft51, 5ft52, 5ft53, 5ft54, 5ft55, 5ft56, 5ft57, 5ft58, 5ft59, 5ft60, 5ft61, 5ft62, 5ft63, 5ft64, 5ft65, 5ft66, 5ft67, 5ft68, 5ft69, 5ft70, 5ft71, 5ft72, 5ft73, 5ft74, 5ft75, 5ft76, 5ft77, 5ft78, 5ft79, 5ft80, 5ft81, 5ft82, 5ft83, 5ft84, 5ft85, 5ft86, 5ft87, 5ft88, 5ft89, 5ft90, 5ft91, 5ft92, 5ft93, 5ft94, 5ft95, 5ft96, 5ft97, 5ft98, 5ft99, 5ft100, 5ft101, 5ft102, 5ft103, 5ft104, 5ft105, 5ft106, 5ft107, 5ft108, 5ft109, 5ft110, 5ft111, 5ft112, 5ft113, 5ft114, 5ft115, 5ft116, 5ft117, 5ft118, 5ft119, 5ft120, 5ft121, 5ft122, 5ft123, 5ft124, 5ft125, 5ft126, 5ft127, 5ft128, 5ft129, 5ft130, 5ft131, 5ft132, 5ft133, 5ft134, 5ft135, 5ft136, 5ft137, 5ft138, 5ft139, 5ft140, 5ft141, 5ft142, 5ft143, 5ft144, 5ft145, 5ft146, 5ft147, 5ft148, 5ft149, 5ft150, 5ft151, 5ft152, 5ft153, 5ft154, 5ft155, 5ft156, 5ft157, 5ft158, 5ft159, 5ft160, 5ft161, 5ft162, 5ft163, 5ft164, 5ft165, 5ft166, 5ft167, 5ft168, 5ft169, 5ft170, 5ft171, 5ft172, 5ft173, 5ft174, 5ft175, 5ft176, 5ft177, 5ft178, 5ft179, 5ft180, 5ft181, 5ft182, 5ft183, 5ft184, 5ft185, 5ft186, 5ft187, 5ft188, 5ft189, 5ft190, 5ft191, 5ft192, 5ft193, 5ft194, 5ft195, 5ft196, 5ft197, 5ft198, 5ft199, 5ft200, 5ft201, 5ft202, 5ft203, 5ft204, 5ft205, 5ft206, 5ft207, 5ft208, 5ft209, 5ft210, 5ft211, 5ft212, 5ft213, 5ft214, 5ft215, 5ft216, 5ft217, 5ft218, 5ft219, 5ft220, 5ft221, 5ft222, 5ft223, 5ft224, 5ft225, 5ft226, 5ft227, 5ft228, 5ft229, 5ft230, 5ft231, 5ft232, 5ft233, 5ft234, 5ft235, 5ft236, 5ft237, 5ft238, 5ft239, 5ft240, 5ft241, 5ft242, 5ft243, 5ft244, 5ft245, 5ft246, 5ft247, 5ft248, 5ft249, 5ft250, 5ft251, 5ft252, 5ft253, 5ft254, 5ft255, 5ft256, 5ft257, 5ft258, 5ft259, 5ft260, 5ft261, 5ft262, 5ft263, 5ft264, 5ft265, 5ft266, 5ft267, 5ft268, 5ft269, 5ft270, 5ft271, 5ft272, 5ft273, 5ft274, 5ft275, 5ft276, 5ft277, 5ft278, 5ft279, 5ft280, 5ft281, 5ft282, 5ft283, 5ft284, 5ft285, 5ft286, 5ft287, 5ft288, 5ft289, 5ft290, 5ft291, 5ft292, 5ft293, 5ft294, 5ft295, 5ft296, 5ft297, 5ft298, 5ft299, 5ft300, 5ft301, 5ft302, 5ft303, 5ft304, 5ft305, 5ft306, 5ft307, 5ft308, 5ft309, 5ft310, 5ft311, 5ft312, 5ft313, 5ft314, 5ft315, 5ft316, 5ft317, 5ft318, 5ft319, 5ft320, 5ft321, 5ft322, 5ft323, 5ft324, 5ft325, 5ft326, 5ft327, 5ft328, 5ft329, 5ft330, 5ft331, 5ft332, 5ft333, 5ft334, 5ft335, 5ft336, 5ft337, 5ft338, 5ft339, 5ft340, 5ft341, 5ft342, 5ft343, 5ft344, 5ft345, 5ft346, 5ft347, 5ft348, 5ft349, 5ft350, 5ft351, 5ft352, 5ft353, 5ft354, 5ft355, 5ft356, 5ft357, 5ft358, 5ft359, 5ft360, 5ft361, 5ft362, 5ft363, 5ft364, 5ft365, 5ft366, 5ft367, 5ft368, 5ft369, 5ft370, 5ft371, 5ft372, 5ft373, 5ft374, 5ft375, 5ft376, 5ft377, 5ft378, 5ft379, 5ft380, 5ft381, 5ft382, 5ft383, 5ft384, 5ft385, 5ft386, 5ft387, 5ft388, 5ft389, 5ft390, 5ft391, 5ft392, 5ft393, 5ft394, 5ft395, 5ft396, 5ft397, 5ft398, 5ft399, 5ft400, 5ft401, 5ft402, 5ft403, 5ft404, 5ft405, 5ft406, 5ft407, 5ft408, 5ft409, 5ft410, 5ft411, 5ft412, 5ft413, 5ft414, 5ft415, 5ft416, 5ft417, 5ft418, 5ft419, 5ft420, 5ft421, 5ft422, 5ft423, 5ft424, 5ft425, 5ft426, 5ft427, 5ft428, 5ft429, 5ft430, 5ft431, 5ft432, 5ft433, 5ft434, 5ft435, 5ft436, 5ft437, 5ft438, 5ft439, 5ft440, 5ft441, 5ft442, 5ft443, 5ft444, 5ft445, 5ft446, 5ft447, 5ft448, 5ft449, 5ft450, 5ft451, 5ft452, 5ft453, 5ft454, 5ft455, 5ft456, 5ft457, 5ft458, 5ft459, 5ft460, 5ft461, 5ft462, 5ft463, 5ft464, 5ft465, 5ft466, 5ft467, 5ft468, 5ft469, 5ft470, 5ft471, 5ft472, 5ft473, 5ft474, 5ft475, 5ft476, 5ft477, 5ft478, 5ft479, 5ft480, 5ft481, 5ft482, 5ft483, 5ft484, 5ft485, 5ft486, 5ft487, 5ft488, 5ft489, 5ft490, 5ft491, 5ft492, 5ft493, 5ft494, 5ft495, 5ft496, 5ft497, 5ft498, 5ft499, 5ft500, 5ft501, 5ft502, 5ft503, 5ft

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Barcelona	13°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	8°C	Rome	14°C
Bombay	35°C	Sydney	21°C
Cape Town	33°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	12°C	Tokyo	7°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	28°C	Warsaw	16°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	18°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	13°C	12°C	13°C	12°C	14°C
Canterbury	11°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	12°C
Chatham	11°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Dartford	14°C	13°C	14°C	13°C	14°C
Dover	10°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	12°C
Faversham	11°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Folkestone	10°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	12°C
Gillingham	11°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Gravesend	14°C	13°C	12°C	14°C	14°C
Maidstone	14°C	12°C	13°C	13°C	14°C
Ramsgate	11°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	12°C
Rochester	11°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Sevenoaks	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C
Sittingbourne	11°C	10°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Tonbridge	14°C	12°C	14°C	13°C	14°C
Tun Wells	14°C	12°C	14°C	13°C	14°C

KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	3:23pm 5.9m	Sunday	3:58pm 5.8m
Dover	Saturday	1:25pm 6.4m	Sunday	2:02pm 6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:36pm 7.6m	Sunday	2:12pm 7.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:55pm 4.9m	Sunday	2:32pm 4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:13pm 5.7m	Sunday	3:48pm 5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:11pm 5.1m	Sunday	3:46pm 5.0m



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WIN a DVD of comedy football movie The Shouting Men

THE Shouting Men brings the magic of the FA Cup to the small screen with the uproarious misadventures of a group of misfit Gillingham FC supporters during a cross-country "away day" weekend to watch their beloved team play in the quarter finals of the FA Cup against Newcastle United.

The Shouting Men stars Matt Daniel-Baker and Warren Llambias, Dudley Sutton and Craig Fairbrass, with cameo appearances come from John Barnes and Peter Beardsley.

The Gillingham fans are brought together by football in the way that only football can do and the movie perfectly captures the hilarious banter of footie fans. If you're fed up with football films always being about football violence this is one for you. Full of genuine laugh-out-loud moments, the film is a welcome and very funny look at the lighter side of the beautiful game – a real comedy for real football fans.



The Shouting Men (cert. 15) is out on DVD this week but you can win a copy of the DVD in our great competition.

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More teenage angst for Page as she takes up roller derby

■ BY DAMON SMITH

YOUTH springs eternal for Ellen Page.

Oscar-nominated for her role as a pregnant 16-year-old in *Juno*, the 23-year-old Canadian actress has forged a career playing dysfunctional and pithy teenagers.

There are more growing pains in *Whip It!*, the auspicious directorial debut of Drew Barrymore based on the novel *Derby Girl* by Shauna Cross.

Set in the cut-throat world of women's roller derby, this unabashedly entertaining tale of female empowerment puts a traditional coming-of-age story on four wheels and celebrates the sisterly solidarity within a low-ranked team as its feisty members body-check their way up the league.

Novelist Cross lovingly adapts her book for the screen and she retains all of the humour and the pathos, keeping the tone relatively light to hold the interest of teenage audiences who will appreciate the heroine's struggle for independence and the hip soundtrack laden with Kaiser Chiefs, MGMT, The Breeders, Peaches and The Raveonettes.

Hormonal teenager Bliss Cavendar (Page) lives in sleepy Bodeen, Texas, where she is at the mercy of her beauty pageant-obsessed mom, Brooke (Marcia Gay Harden).

Ungainly and unfeminine, Bliss stands little chance of winning the Miss Blue Bonnet Pageant, which Brooke is convinced will be her daughter's ticket to fame and fortune.

While shopping with Brooke and sister Shania, Bliss sees a flyer for roller derby trials and she secretly attends the tryout in Austin for league underdogs, the Hurl Scouts.

Maggie Mayhem and Smashley Simpson (played by Drew Barrymore) take Bliss under their wing and with their encouragement, the plucky teen discovers her calling as her alter ego, Babe Ruthless.

The introduction of the ballsy new member



to the Hurl Scouts catalyses a dramatic change in fortunes, setting up the inevitable championship showdown with Iron Maven and her brutal posse.

Meanwhile, Bliss drifts apart from best friend Pash and embarks on a romance with musician Oliver.

Whip It! follows in the skating tracks of countless other portraits of teen angst, but Barrymore invests her first feature with energy and a tasteful, underwater sex scene.

Page imbues Bliss with spunk and vulnerability and the scenes with Harden's pushy

mother runs the gamut of laughter and tears.

There are tender scenes too between Bliss and her father Earl, who confides: "I like smart girls. That's why I married your mother... and knocked her up."

The cast appear to do many of their own stunts on the roller derby rink. Every time they get knocked down, we cheer them to get back up again.

WHIP IT! 
Certificate 12A



NEW TEAM: Matt Smith as the Doctor with Karen Gillan as assistant Amy Pond



YOUR TV REVIEW **DR WHO**: BBC 1, 6.35pm, Saturday

■

BY TOM BETTS

OVER Easter we got our first real taste of the latest incarnation of one of TV's most loved characters, and it was an encouraging beginning.

Matt Smith has got off to a great start as the new Doctor.

His portrayal of the character is closer in essence to Tom Baker than David Tennant, adding a little more humour, mystery and quirkiness to the mix than his predecessor.

Tennant was right to leave when he did – his tenure had run out of steam and he looked more than ready to move on.

The man's a fine actor, but lacked the oddness that makes a truly great Doctor – although I know millions would disagree.

Russell T Davies, the main mover behind the total regeneration of the character and show has also left, although he must take much of the

credit for reviving a genuine TV gem.

It was time for both to let some new ideas come through, however.

If I had seen another episode where the plot was resolved by someone pushing a button or the use of a sonic screwdriver, then I may have been lost as a fan forever.

Episode one in the new series, *The Eleventh Hour*, was the strongest I've seen in a long time, and new assistant Amy Pond (Karen Gillan) looks the perfect companion for Smith's scattier, more irreverent Time Lord.

She's a bit more strait-laced than Billie Piper's Rose Tyler, and it's good to see a lot of thought has gone into the assistant's role again.

It's often that character, and their

chemistry with the title character, that makes or breaks the series.

One backward step that seems to have been taken is with the special effects, which have certainly not been as good so far.

But this is Doctor Who, and while we may not be going back to the era of monsters made out of bubblewrap, the focus must be on the story.

The Daleks and Cybermen will return but the show has been at its strongest when new foes, such as the Judoon and the Slitheen, were introduced, so let's hope for more original baddies with an appetite for destruction.

The onus now is on Steven Moffat, who in recent years has written many of the best episodes, to take the character somewhere new in space and time.

It's an exciting time to be a geek.

MOTORS NEWS



Green sportster shows promise ahead of rivals

IT could be that despite the green credentials of petrol-electric hybrids, their best deployment might be the sporting sector.

The instant pulling power of the electric motors can give the performance edge needed for the adrenalin rush would-be buyers crave.

Honda is first to the market with a green sportster, the CR-Z, due in June and priced from a not unreasonable £17,000. It also promises to be an exciting drive, particularly as the first hybrid on sale in the UK with a manual gearbox.



KITT beats the 'Gene Genie' to TV favourite

TWO TV motoring icons and their TV series are back onscreen – Gene Hunt's Audi Quattro (Ashes to Ashes) and KITT (Knight Rider).

Both also appear in a Kwik-Fit poll to find the public's top 10 TV cars.

KITT was top, followed by: 2) Insp Morse's Jaguar MkII, 3) Ferrari Testarossa from Miami Vice, 4) Magnum PI's Ferrari 308, 5) Batmobile, 6) Gene Hunt's Quattro (pictured), 7) Lady Penelope's Rolls, 8) Dukes of Hazzard's General Lee, 9) The Saint's Volvo and 10) A-Team's GMC van.



Jaguar just purrs along during economic gloom

JAGUAR is making light of the sluggish UK economy – it doubled sales of its sleek XF executive car in March against March 2009.

Sales of all Jaguars are also more than one per cent up for the month, not bad when it was effectively a two-model brand – the junior X-Type model was axed in late 2009, and the all-new XJ is not on sale until May. The surge has been helped by the improved diesel power of the XF (£29,900) complementing the car's sports saloon lines.



MUCH BETTER BY DESIGN: Citroën improved their C3 supermini this year by giving it a classier look and a larger car feel plus an eye-catching Zenith panoramic front screen

Citroën C3 targeting a more discerning small car market

CITROËN launched a vastly improved C3 supermini model earlier this year.

Despite a cuddly, egg-shaped design evoking the brand's classic 2CV, I thought the previous car pretty average.

However, friendly imagery and occasionally bonkers discounting helped blind motoring Francophiles to the car's cramped cabin, sloppy driving characteristics and poor build.

But Citroën must have seen that would-be downsizers and generally more discerning consumers would not be so short-sighted this time.

So the new car (from £10,790) looks and feels much classier and able to deliver a larger car feel for those who really are trading a family hatchback or something bigger in favour of this little five-door supermini.

We tested the car via Wilmoths Citroën at Maidstone where general sales manager Kelvin Clayton was quick to defend the old car yet promote its successor:

"You've got to remember that the original C3 came out seven years ago and things have moved fast in the industry and at Citroën, but it has been a good seller for us and will continue to be."

ROAD TEST CITROËN C3

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal



Image



Space



Value



Running costs



Reliability



Green rating



ue to offer value as a used buy. The new car takes us to a new level and we expect to do well with it."

The test car was an upmarket 1.4 Exclusive with a lively 95bhp VTi 16v petrol engine (£14,090), with interior chroming, leather trimming and auto climate and cruise controls.

But it also had the eye-catching Zenith panoramic front screen – the new C3's trademark. This is standard on all but the VT entry model and comes with a neat pull-down interior 'roof' and sun visors.

It's a stylish luxury touch to the C3 range and defines its more upmarket stance this time.

There is little disappointment on the move either, with a better balance of ride comfort and handling than before and the 1.4 engine is well-suited to the car, though there are 1.1 and 1.6-litre petrol alternatives plus 1.4 and 1.6 diesels.

My only criticism on the test was a slightly sloppy gearshift, which may irritate keen drivers. But there is so much more to like about this smarter and swisher C3.

It should be cheap to run too, with a range of frugal low emission engines plus a miserly ultra-eco Airdream version from £14,490.



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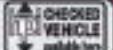


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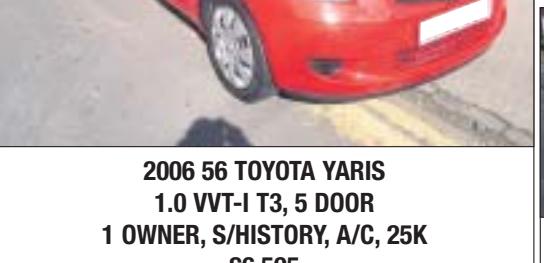
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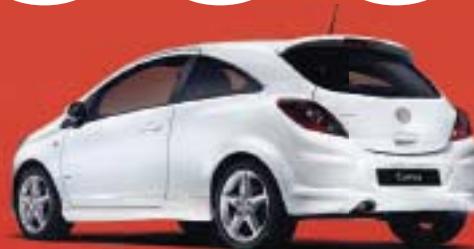
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2005	55	Astra Sri Sports hatch	1.6	3	Ultra blue	30,260	6,995	2008	08	Vectra Design	1.8	4	Panacotta	25,050	8,995							
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PROPERTY NEWS

Preventing terrible loss getting worse

Steve Osborne, *The Mortgage Man*, shares his knowledge with you in this fortnightly column



AS THE size of the average mortgage increases, so too does the need to protect your partner and your family against being left with a huge debt should the worst happen.

The death of the main breadwinner is bad enough without the added problem of where to find a four-figure mortgage payment each month. There are a number of ways in which you can protect yourself and your home, and I am being asked for advice from more and more clients who want to make sure they won't have to worry about losing their home as well as a loved one.

Term assurance is probably the simplest type of protection and often the cheapest. It simply pays out if the insured person dies and can either be on a level or a decreasing basis depending on the reason for the cover.

Critical illness cover is similar way but has the added benefit of paying out if the policy holder contracts one of a specified list of critical illnesses. These vary between companies, so make sure you compare not just the cost but the cover provided.

Family income benefit is a term assurance policy, with or without critical illness cover, that differs by paying out a monthly income for a set period rather than a lump sum.

This is often cheaper than a lump sum policy and it does away with the worry of having to invest a large sum of money at a time when the surviving family has more important concerns.

Permanent health insurance pays out a monthly income if you are unable to work due to accident or sickness. This is a long-term plan designed to continue to your retirement date or until you return to work and should not be confused with the short term accident, sickness and unemployment plans that have had so much bad press.

Make sure you get good independent advice and remember that if a life assurance policy is set up incorrectly you could end up with a big inheritance tax bill rather than the money going where you intended it to.

Steve Osborne, director, *The Mortgage Company, Ashford*



Ombudsman's demand for lettings protection

Landlords and tenants would benefit from closure of legislative loopholes, says report

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Property Ombudsman is demanding that whichever party wins General Election urgently legislates to improve protection for both landlords and tenants who employ letting agents.

The call has been echoed by many across the property field who say action needs to be taken as soon as possible.

In his annual report, Ombudsman Christopher Hamer urges swift action because of the increasing activity in the lettings market during the downturn.

According to his report, the fact that letting agents were not covered by the provisions of the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act is an "alarming inconsistency".

Mr Hamer also recommends that landlords and tenants only use agents who are members of a recognised trade association or any agent who is a member of the Property Ombudsman

scheme. LetAssured UK is one company active in this area.

"LetAssured UK has been specifically set up by landlords to protect themselves and other like-minded landlords from the unscrupulous activities of some letting agents," said managing director David Plaister.

"Landlords from across the UK have been joining with us in a move away from the traditional agents who have been rubbing their hands and watching the fees roll in."

The proportion of the Ombudsman's workload related to lettings disputes rose from 28 per cent to 49 per cent of his workload last year. LetAssured UK said it guarantees landlords and tenants peace of mind in knowing that they are dealing with a firm which meets defined standards of customer service and has the necessary insurance to protect their clients' money, plus a customer complaints procedure offering independent redress.

"LetAssured underpins the entire administrative procedure of renting property on behalf of the landlord, and he is safe in the knowledge there will be no hidden costs," said Mr Plaister.



FLOOD OF COMPLAINTS: Whoever wins the election will need to address inconsistencies in lettings legislation

Springing into action can increase chance of a sale

CONNELLS offices in Kent are enjoying one of their busiest periods since the start of the year and say the upward trend looks set to continue.

Staff say more properties are coming on the market and business is looking good.

"Our branches have had a busy few weeks with more properties coming on the market as people are encouraged by lower interest rates and the start of spring."

"Demand is continuing to outstrip supply and because of the lack of stock there are more people chasing the same property, which is driving prices up in some areas," said Connells regional managing director, Kevin Peel.

"Houses continue to sell as long as vendors are realistic in their expectations and their estate agent is prepared to work hard on

their behalf, using every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Mr Peel said buyers could help by following a few simple tips: "First impressions count, so make sure your property has 'kerb appeal'. Paint the front door, tidy the garden and put up hanging baskets," he said.

"Make sure the home is clean, tidy and decluttered. Buyers are trying to picture themselves in your home, so get rid of junk and minimise personal possessions such as photos. Throw out anything that has been broken for a year or more. If you haven't mended it by now, chances are you never will."

Spring flowers in bloom make gardens particularly attractive, and spring cleaning adds to homes looking good, both inside and out, he added.

Association upset by new legislation

LANDLORDS' "worst fears" have been realised with new legislation covering houses in multiple occupation, it has been claimed by one of the bodies representing them.

The laws will see landlords required to gain planning permission if they purchase a property designed to be rented to three or more unrelated people. Alan Ward, chairman of the Residential Landlords' Association, criticised the legislation on two grounds.

"First, it is totally impractical," he said. "And second, it is social engineering, because planning law has never been about who can live where – it's about the use of the building."

Mr Ward said landlords were unlikely to wait for any administrative delays in planning permission being granted.

His comments come after PropertyEarth.net research indicated three-bedroom houses made up 57 per cent of all property searches by investors. Two-bedroom homes accounted for 21 per cent, and four-bedrooms 15 per cent.

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- PADDOCKS
- 2 RECEPTIONS

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- STABLE BLOCK
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- CELLAR

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REF: Prestige_59895S



Walderslade

- EXECUTIVE DETACHED HOUSE
- 4 BEDROOMS
- VILLAGE LOCATION
- EN-SUITE

- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- STUDY
- DOUBLE GARAGE

£525,000

REF: Prestige_59897S



East Farleigh

- 3 DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- POTENTIAL FOR ANNEXE
- DOUBLE GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING

- CONSERVATORY
- FRONT, SIDE & REAR GARDENS
- VERSATILE ACCOMMODATION
- VILLAGE LOCATION

£510,000

REF: Prestige_62058S



Walderslade

- DETACHED HOUSE
- 4 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- QUIET GATED DEVELOPMENT

- EN-SUITE
- POPULAR LOCATION
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£365,000

REF: Prestige_60051S



Chatham

- DETACHED HOUSE
- 5 BEDROOMS
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- EN-SUITE AND DRESSING ROOM

- DETACHED GARAGE
- SUITABLE FOR OFFICE / HOME WORKING
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£1,050,000

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Strood

- 4 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- FAMILY BATHROOM
- CONVERTED CELLAR
- WELL PRESENTED
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDENS

£325,000

REF: Prestige_61992S



Wigmore

- 3 BEDROOM DETACHED
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- INDIVIDUAL DESIGN
- LOUNGE - DINER / STUDY

- DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- GOOD SIZE GARDEN
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£325,000

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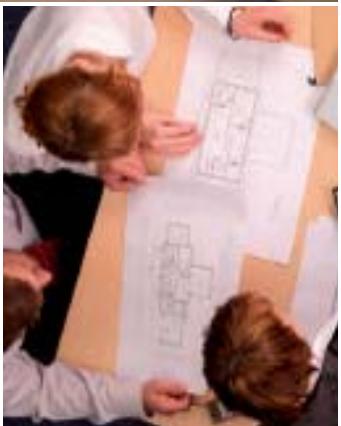
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- ENTRANCE HALL
- LOUNGE
- MODERN KITCHEN & BATHROOM



OIEO £85,000
- DOUBLE BEDROOM
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- CALL TO VIEW



Gillingham
DETACHED BUNGALOW
- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- DOWNSTAIRS WET ROOM



Guide Price £275,000 - £300,000
- KITCHEN WITH SEPARATE UTILITY ROOM
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Rochester
3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- 17FT LOUNGE
- MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
- 15FT CONSERVATORY

REF: Rainham_61693S



Rainham
4 BEDROOM EXTENDED END TERRACE
- LOUNGE
- FURTHER RECEPTION ROOM
- KITCHEN DINER



OIEO £210,000
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- EN SUITE
- WALKING DISTANCE TO STATION
- GARAGE



Chatham
2 BEDROOM TERRACE HOUSE
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CELLAR
- 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM (OFF BEDROOM)



£90,000
- REAR GARDEN
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- NO FORWARD CHAIN



Isle Of Sheppey
PRICE RANGE £240,000 - £250,000
- 3 BEDROOM DETACHED
- KITCHEN / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- PARTIAL SEAVIEW TO REAR

REF: Rainham_63336S



Chatham
SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- 2 BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE / DINER
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN



£155,000
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- CENTRAL HEATING
- GARAGE
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Rainham
TERRACED HOUSE
- 2 BEDROOMS
- 1 RECEPTION ROOM
- KITCHEN / DINER



Guide Price £150,000 - £160,000
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE EN BLOC TO REAR
- POPULAR AREA



Wayfield
SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- 3/4 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- 1/2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- NO CHAIN

REF: Walderslade_62284S



Gillingham
END OF TERRACE
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- DINER



OIEO £150,000
- CLOAKROOM
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- RIVERSIDE LOCATION
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Walderslade
TERRACED HOUSE
- 2 BEDROOMS
- 1 RECEPTION ROOM
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN



£139,995
- 1ST FLOOR MODERN BATHROOM
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
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Hempstead
Price Range £210,000 - £230,000
- 3 BEDROOM DETACHED
- CORNER PLOT
- LOUNGE / DINER
- CLOAKROOM / UTILITY ROOM

REF: Rainham_80149S



Walderslade
2 BEDROOM HOUSE
- 1 RECEPTION ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS



OIEO £149,995
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE TO REAR
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Hempstead
2 BEDROOM END TERRACE
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE DINER
- DOUBLE BEDROOMS



OIEO £154,995
- LANDSCAPED GARDEN
- GARAGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- POPULAR LOCATION



Gillingham
3 DOUBLE BEDROOM TERRACE
- EXTENDED LOUNGE DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- FAMILY BATHROOM

REF: Rainham_60133S



Chatham
SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- DINER



OIEO £150,000
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- POPULAR LOCATION
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Newington
GEORGIAN COTTAGE
- 2 BEDROOMS
- COUNTRY STYLE KITCHEN
- LOUNGE WITH EXPOSED CHIMNEY BREAST



Guide Price £125,000 - £135,000
- CELLAR AND LEAN TO
- PARKING BAY
- NO CHAIN
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED



Wigmore
Guide Price £250,000 - £275,000
SEMI DETACHED HOME
- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOAKROOM

REF: Rainham_62427S



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Rochester
- 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- 17FT LOUNGE
- MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
- 15FT CONSERVATORY



Allhallows
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- 1ST FLOOR MODERN BATHROOM
- GOOD SIZE GARDEN
- GARAGE EN- BLOC TO REAR

REF: Walderslade_62804S



Allhallows
- PARK HOME
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN



Strood
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS
- TERRACED GARDEN
- ESTUARY VIEWS

REF: Walderslade_60195S



Strood
- PLOT OF LAND
- PLANNING PERMISSION
- POTENTIAL 3/4 BEDROOM EXECUTIVE HOME
- POPULAR LOCATION

REF: Walderslade_60111S



Sittingbourne
- LINK DETACHED
- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- MODERN KITCHEN



Sittingbourne
- GUIDE PRICE £200,000- £220,000
- EN-SUITE
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE
- INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

REF: Rainham_61131S



Wigmore
- 4 BEDROOM CHALET BUNGALOW
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CONSERVATORY
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM



Wigmore
- UPSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
- CORNER POSITION
- POPULAR LOCATION
- GARAGE AND DRIVEWAY TO REAR

REF: Rainham_60153S



Wigmore
- GUIDE PRICE £250,000 £275,000
- SEMI DETACHED HOME
- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOAKROOM

REF: Rainham_62427S



Walderslade
- 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
- SPLIT LEVEL LOUNGE
- MODERN BATHROOM



Walderslade
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDENS
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

REF: Walderslade_62610S



Gillingham
- EDWARDIAN CHARACTER PROPERTY
- 3/4 BEDROOMS
- 2 FURTHER LOFT ROOMS
- 2 / 3 RECEPTION RECEPTIONS



Cliffe
- PRICE RANGE £275,000 - £295,000
- SOME ORIGINAL FEATURES
- LARGE GARDEN
- VIEWS OVER GOLF COURSE
- POPULAR LOCATION

REF: Rainham_61642S



Cliffe
- NEW PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT
- 4/5 DETACHED EXECUTIVE HOMES
- 6 PLOTS AVAILABLE
- GAMES ROOMS/FAMILY ROOMS

REF: Walderslade_60992S



Rochester
- 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CONSERVATORY



Rochester
- GARAGE
- DRIVEWAY
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- MUST BE SEEN

REF: Walderslade_63376S



Rainham
- 3 BEDROOM DETACHED
- 2/3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CONSERVATORY
- SEMI RURAL LOCATION



nr Rochester
- 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- CONSERVATORY OVERLOOKING GARDEN

REF: Rainham_60591S



nr Rochester
- £485,000
- 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- CONSERVATORY OVERLOOKING GARDEN

REF: Walderslade_59912S



Downsview
- 4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- REFITTED KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- 18FT CONSERVATORY
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS



Rochester
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GARAGE & AMPLE PARKING
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

REF: Walderslade_60091S



Rochester
- DETACHED HOUSE
- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOAKROOM



Chatham
- GUIDE PRICE £310,000 - £330,000
- UTILITY ROOM
- MATURE GARDEN
- DRIVE FOR MANY CARS
- MUST BE SEEN

REF: Walderslade_63683S



Chatham
- STARTER HOME
- 1 DOUBLE BEDROOM
- 1 RECEPTION ROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING

REF: Walderslade_59947S



Rainham
- 4 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- 19FT REFITTED KITCHEN
- 2/3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- CONSERVATORY



Rainham
- EN SUITE
- CLOAKROOM
- GOOD SIZE GARDEN
- GARAGE AND DRIVE

REF: Rainham_60354S



Wigmore
- 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
- GEORGIAN STYLE
- CLOAKROOM
- REFITTED KITCHEN



Strood
- EN SUITE
- LOUNGE
- GARAGE AND DRIVE
- CONSERVATORY

REF: Rainham_61158S



Strood
- 3 BEDROOM SEMI
- LOUNGE
- DETACHED GARAGE
- MODERN KITCHEN

REF: Walderslade_60106S



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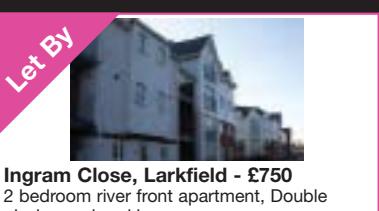
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MODERN PENTATHLON



STARRING ROLE: Medway Park was praised by Sir Clive Woodward

Medway Park is a venue to be proud of, says Woodward

ATHLETES, coaches and officials at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup were unanimous in their praise for Medway Park, which was officially opened on Sunday.

The event was awarded to the venue in 2007 before work began on an £11.1 million refurbishment project, which was completed last month.

With its multiple events, the four-day World Cup was an ideal test of all the new facilities, while a sell-out 1,200 spectators watched each of the finals at the weekend.

Sir Clive Woodward, elite performance director of the British Olympic Association, was the guest of honour on Sunday and commended the facilities.

He said: "It's a huge privilege to be here. I had heard about what's happening at Medway Park and was first invited here three years ago. Now we have to be hugely proud of what's been created here and the decision to host something like this here is testament to what's gone on. I think the biggest thing is the huge legacy for the local community."

Jan Bartu, performance director at Pentathlon GB, was impressed with the venue and had received a lot of positive feedback from his counterparts in other countries.

He said: "The organisation has been immaculate and has been recognised by all the international athletes and coaches. In a way I think it superseded last year's Crystal Palace World Championships."

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VICTORIOUS: France's Amelie Caze (left) took gold in the Modern Pentathlon World Cup at Medway Park on Sunday, while (inset l-r) Mhairi Spence led home a strong British contingent and clinched bronze, one place ahead of Katy Burke (right)

Spence delighted with Modern Pentathlon World Cup bronze

MODERN PENTATHLON

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

MHAIRI Spence won Britain's first Modern Pentathlon World Cup medal for more than a year as a highly successful event at Medway Park drew to a close on Sunday.

The 24-year-old took bronze in an excellent day for the British team, who had a record eight athletes come through qualifying to compete in the final.

The hosts had three more athletes in the top ten, while Meopham's Kate French finished 28th on her World Cup debut.

Spence took victory in the fencing discipline and a strong display in the riding arena saw her go into the final event with a six second lead over Amelie Caze. The French athlete, a double world champion, took the lead at the second shoot, while Lithuania's world number two Donata Rimsaite took silver.

The third place was Spence's best World Cup finish and the Scot was delighted with the performance.

She said: "It's been amazing. I've been training well and I knew I was in good shape. I was aiming for the top six, I just wanted to have a decent competition, so to come out on the podium is a bit more than I expected.

"I felt like my legs were going all over the place at the end, but the home crowd carried me over the line."

French, 18, who used to swim at the Black Lion Leisure Centre as a junior before it was converted into Medway Park, was also pleased with her result after successfully negotiating Friday's semi-final.

She said: "My aim was to get into the final and I was really pleased to have done that. My fence was better than the semi, which was good and I equalled my time in the swim. My ride was good but the combined event went a bit wrong, which was a bit annoying."

"All my family had come so it was really good support and the crowd were amazing, I've not had that experience before."

In the men's final on Saturday, Britain's Nick Woodbridge smashed his personal best on the run/shoot event to climb from 18th to finish 14th overall.

Hungary's reigning world champion Adam Marosi won gold in a photo finish with Czech athlete Ondrej Polivka.

Rochester's James Myatt was eliminated in Thursday's semi-final after finishing 23rd in his heat, but the 18-year-old gained valuable experience on his first appearance at a World Cup series event.



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Injury fear for Richards as Lions tear Gills apart

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Millwall 4

Batt 27, Craig 35, Schofield 60, Harris 66

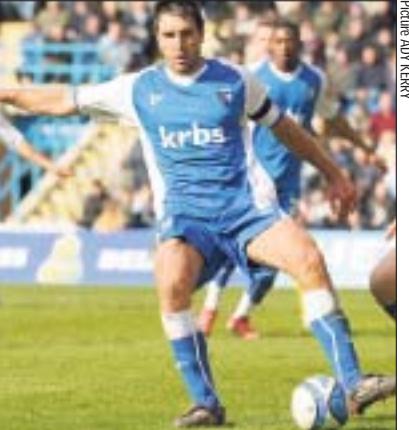
Gillingham 0

GILLINGHAM will find out this week how much of the run-in they will be without defender Garry Richards, who was carried off in Saturday's defeat at Millwall.

The centre-back collided with goalkeeper Alan Julian five minutes into the second-half and could play no further part in the game. He was taken to hospital to assess the ankle injury on Saturday evening and the Gills will discover the severity of the problem this week.

Richards had played a key role in Gillingham's encouraging run of form since being restored to the side in February. With games against Leeds, Norwich and Southampton all to come, Gills boss Mark Stimson is desperate for the defender to return as quickly as possible.

He said: "We'd like to have Garry available for the games coming up because there are some big centre-forwards, you've got to play against [Grant] Holt, [Jermaine] Beckford and [Rickie] Lambert, who if you're not a man



CONCERN: Garry Richards was taken to hospital after injuring an ankle in a collision with goalkeeper Alan Julian you'll get found out. One thing Garry Richards is, and he proved it last year, is he is up for the challenge. It could be a big loss."

The injury topped off a thoroughly miserable Saturday afternoon for the Gills, who were comfortably beaten by Millwall.

The visitors did have some joy early on, frustrating the home side and carrying a threat of their own. Darren Dennehy headed over, while fit-again Simeon Jackson saw a well-struck volley saved.

But Millwall showed why they are League

Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Gowling (Dennehy 46), Bentley (Richards 51), Maher (Howe 76)

One's form side, scoring twice in eight minutes to lead 2-0 at half-time.

The first came from a slick move which opened the Gills up and was well finished by Shaun Batt, while Tony Craig's 20-yard volley doubled the advantage.

Dennehy was forced off at half-time with suspected concussion, while Richards quickly followed.

The new centre-half partnership of Josh Gowling and Mark Bentley had clocked up one minute of first-team football between them in two months and Millwall took advantage of the soft centre.

Danny Schofield scored a third on the hour before Neil Harris headed home at a corner shortly afterwards.

The defeat left Gillingham two points above the bottom four going into the midweek games.

The Gills were in action in a crucial home game against Brighton last night. Log on to www.yourmedway.co.uk for the report and reaction.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

COCA-COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Norwich City	41	26	8	7	+39	86
2 Millwall	41	22	12	7	+33	78
3 Leeds United	41	22	11	8	+29	77
4 Southampton	41	21	13	7	+16	76
5 Chesterfield	41	20	14	7	+20	74
6 Huddersfield Town	41	19	11	11	+6	68
7 Colchester United	41	19	11	11	+15	68
8 Bristol Rovers	41	19	4	18	-2	61
9 Southampton (1D)	40	19	13	8	+31	60
10 Milton Keynes Dons	41	17	7	17	-3	58
11 Brentford	40	13	16	11	+3	55
12 Carlisle United	41	14	12	15	-1	54
13 Walsall	41	14	12	15	-5	54
14 Yeovil Town	41	12	12	17	-5	48
15 Gillingham	41	12	12	17	-7	48
16 Oldham Athletic	40	12	10	18	-24	47
17 Hartlepool United	41	12	9	20	-11	45
18 Exeter City	41	10	15	16	-11	45
19 Gillingham	41	10	13	18	-13	43
20 Leyton Orient	41	10	12	19	-13	42
21 Tranmere Rovers	40	11	8	21	-30	41
22 Southend United	41	9	11	21	-19	38
23 Wycombe Wanderers	41	7	14	20	-25	35
R Stockport County	41	5	10	26	-45	25

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Croydon Athletic	38	25	6	7	+49	81
2 Folkestone Invicta (10)	37	27	6	4	+32	77
3 Maidstone United	38	27	4	12	+26	70
4 Leiston	38	21	6	11	+23	69
5 Godalming Town (-3)	36	22	4	10	+23	67
6 Fleet Town	38	20	6	12	+20	66
7 Burgess Hill Town	36	17	9	10	+13	60
8 Walton & Hersham	38	17	7	14	+5	58
9 Sittingbourne	36	17	6	13	+18	57
10 Horsham YMCA	40	14	14	12	+6	56
11 Metropolitan Police	38	15	9	14	+9	54
12 Rainham	39	13	13	13	-3	52
13 Romford & Casuals	39	13	13	13	-11	51
14 Whyteleafe	39	14	6	19	+1	48
15 Dulwich Hamlet	39	12	11	16	-10	47
16 Merton	40	12	11	17	-16	47
17 Chatham Town	40	13	4	23	-22	43
18 Chipstead	39	9	9	21	-23	36
19 Ashford Town	37	8	11	18	-34	35
20 Walton Casuals	40	8	8	24	-25	32
21 Whitsbale Town	37	10	2	25	-48	32
22 Eastbourne Town	40	6	11	23	-42	29

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Faversham Town	27	21	2	4	+46	65
2 Horne Bay	26	18	2	6	+37	56
3 Herne Bay Town	27	15	5	7	+21	50
4 Greenwich Borough	27	12	8	7	+20	44
5 Hythe Town	26	11	8	7	+23	41
6 Sevenoaks Town	25	12	4	9	+8	40
7 Deal Town	27	11	6	10	-5	39
8 Erith Town	26	10	7	9	+7	37
9 Norton Sports	26	9	6	11	-5	33
10 Erith & Belvedere	27	9	6	12	-14	33
11 Tunbridge Wells	27	8	8	11	-4	32
12 Hollingdale	26	9	3	14	0	30
13 Dartford	28	8	3	17	-28	27
14 Farningham	25	7	5	13	-19	26
15 Sporting Bengal United	29	7	4	18	-50	25
16 Lordswood	27	3	9	15	-21	18

FIXTURES (tonight): KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Herne Bay v **Lordswood** (Saturday)

COCA-COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE: **Gillingham** v Leeds United RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: **Chatham Town** v Walton & Hersham. KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: **Lordswood** v Hythe Town

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FAREWELL: Elliot Andrews retired after Sunday's game

Mos make Stars pay after play-off defeat

Bracknell Hornets 5 Invicta Dynamos 2

Invicta Dynamos 14 Oxford City Stars 3

INVICTA Dynamos finished their season on a high by thrashing Oxford on Sunday, but defeat to Bracknell a day earlier ended their hopes of winning the play-offs.

The 5-2 defeat at Bracknell meant the Mos could not add the play-off title to their league triumph, but they gave their home fans something to shout about by demolishing Oxford.

Following the controversial decision by the English Ice Hockey Association for the Mos to forfeit their home game with Bracknell due to scheduling problems, Kevin Parrish's side had to win both games last weekend to make the final.

The trip to the Hornets was always going to be the biggest hurdle in the post-season. The Mos lost on both their regular season trips to Berkshire and they were unable to prevent a third successive defeat on Saturday night.

The Hornets took an early lead but Elliot Andrews netted to send the sides in level after the first period. The key spell came in the second frame, when three quick goals from the hosts built a 4-1 lead to take charge of the game.

Peter Vaisanen pulled a goal back but a fifth strike six minutes from time sealed Bracknell's place in the play-off final.

Sunday's home game against Oxford was a dead rubber, but the Mos bid farewell to their season in style with a thumping win.

The hosts came flying out of the traps and built a 6-1 lead by the end of the first period. Vaisanen provided the headline with a 25-second hat-trick, while Andrews, Anthony Leone, AJ Smith and Karl Lennon all grabbed two goals.

After the game Andrews announced his retirement after 369 games for the Mos, notching more than 600 points.

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DENIED: Chatham were left to rue Matt Solly's missed first-half penalty as two late goals saw Croydon win

had continued our form after Christmas we could still have something to play for."

This Saturday marks the Chats' final home game of the season, when they host Walton & Hersham.

"It's easy to work hard against the top sides, but it's the ones against teams lower down where you want to win.

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